Britain achieves first alance of payments WEST AFRI Plus for 10 months

s visible trade deficit d sharply last month and for at time since last March is d to show a surplus on the WINTER (hts. The deficit on our account of the balance of

trading with the rest of the world was cut from £509m in November to £179m in December but was more than offset by an estimated £200m surplus on invisible trading. Shares advanced strongly

sents a resumption of the strong trend in exports seen at the beginning of the year.

for exports were confounded last year when sales overseas

stagnated throughout the late

summer and early autumn. Indeed in spite of a 5 per cent

increase in the volume of ex-ports during the fourth quarter, they were still less than 2 per cent above the second quarter.

As a result, Treasury officials

are now being very cautious in

forecasts for exports. However, many other independent fore-

recovery in exports.

The Treasury is among the most pessimistic at present in its view of the trade position over the next couple of years.

Official forecasts suggest that

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the current account may be in deficit by £1,000m in the first half of 1977 and by £500m in the second half, with a surplus only being achieved in 1978. By

contrast, some independent eco

The Treasury's predictions

Exports up, imports down

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jumplus of £21m, com-h a £309m deficit reerful news caused a dvance in prices of shares and Govern-ds on the Stock Exthe FT index closed the FT index closed er at 374.4). Rises of were seen in Govern-ids. However, on the exchanges the better rformance had been discounted and the anaged only a limited lent rising against the just over a 1 cent, 10 \$1.7138. also reliably reported

renting any significant e pound, taking adven-its present relative to purchase dollars ling and thereby replenish the nation's depleted 5193m lower. More signifi-reserves of foreign currency. camby, it was changes in the The December surplus on volume of trade that was the

current account brings the total deficit on this account for 1976 to £1,526m. This is a marginal improvement on the previous year, when the deficit was £1,656m, However, the increase in Britain's oil bill was the principal reason that the improvement was so modest. Indeed, there was a surplus of £355m on non-oil visible transactions—the first since 1971, In addition, the surplus on invisible trade last year was sharply higher. But, the oil bill jumped by 27 per cent even though the physical purchase was little different from that of 1975. This increase in oil costs resulted largely from the depreciation of the round.

depreciation of the pound.
The very marked improvement during December in the visible trade performance resulted from a sharp increase in exports and a decline in imports. Only about a third of the £330m reduction in the visible deficit between November and December arese from the control forces.

special factors.
Other special factors, like the sale and purchase of aircraft. ships and diamonds, which tend to be irregular distorting items, were on balance favourable to Britain. These identifiable fac-Britain. These identifiable rac-tors contributed some £110m to the better trade performance. Visible exports in December were £137m higher than in November, and imports were

first in US for 10 years From Peter Strafford New York, Jan 17 Gary Gilmore, the convicted

Execution of

Mr Gilmore

the United States for nearly 10 years, took place in a building that had once been the prison cannery before about 20 wit-

Right up until the last moment there was uncertainty over whether the execution, which had already been stayed three times, would take place today. Late last night, in response to a suit by the American Civil Liberties Union, a federal judge in Saft Lake City had ordered a 10-day restraining order on the ground that the rolume of trade that was the major influence last month. By volume, exports were some 44-per cent higher and imports some 74-per cent lower. But, in Whitehall, Government officials are reserving judgment about whether this represents a resumment of the export order on the ground that the Utah death penalty law had not been tested.

But this ruling was immediately challenged by state authorities, who flew to Denver, in the neighbouring state of Colorado, in the small hours to have it overturned by the federal circuit court of appeals there. This court granted their request, one of the judges observing: "Among other people who have rights, Mr Gilmore has his own. If an error is being made and the execution goes forward, he brought that on himself."

A few hours later, just after 8 am. Mr Gilmore was led to

8 am, Mr Gilmore was led to the execution building, strapped into a chair and-after the legal order had been read paused for a moment, then said. "Let's

A bood was placed over his head, a circular rarget was put over his chest, and the five-man firing squad took aim and fired in unison.

According to witness, Mr Gil-

more had shown no signs of nervousness. His uncle, Mr Laverne Damico, told journalists later: "Gary died like he wanted to die, with dignity. He got his wish."

nomic forecasters are suggest-ing that Britain could be in Mr Lawrence Schiller, a journalist who is writing the dead man's biography, said: "It surplus by the second half of the present year. Oil value, page 17

dead man's biography, said: "It seemed to me Gilmore's body still had movement in it for about 15 or 20 seconds."

Outside the jail, a group of about 60 opponents of capital punishment stood in silence, looking out over the snow-covered fields. Many of them had been there all night. Other groups held similar vigils in other parts of the United other parts of the United After the execution, the body

was taken to the medical centre of the university of Utah in Salt Lake City. There, accord-ing to Mr Gilmore's wishes, pairs of his body were to be removed for use in transplants and for medical research.

Labour MP for Liverpool, wal-Gilmore case was remarkable, parily because of the nature of the man and his in-sistence that he should be executed, and partly because it was the first time that snyone

the first time that sayone The member for Bolsover Continued on page 6, col 5 gave early warning of his inten-

ventions.

MP opposes

gesture for

Lord Avon

Parliamentary Correspondent Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour

By Hugh Noyes

tions. After the traditional and moving cributes from both close and distant friends of Lord Avon, he voiced his protest. He was not against tributes, indeed he explained that he fully understood the need for them. What he could not understand was why, when the Government was saying that it was pressed for parliamentary time, and that no place could be found for important debates, the House should be adjourned immediately after the tributes

Lady Avon, with her stepson, Lord Eden, entering the church at Alvediston, Wiltshire, yesterday for the funeral

MP for Bolsover, demonstrated in the Commons yesterday in protest against the traditional adjournment of the House after Mr Skinner suggested that at a time when Mr Foot, Leader of the House, was indicating that there might have to be a guillotine on the devolution Bill, tributes on the death of a former Prime Minister. He brought about a walkout from the Tory benches as he rose to speak and before he had opened his mouth. The Conser-It was outrageous that a man once noted for his unconven-tional artifudes should be supvarives presumably stormed out believing he was about to launch an attack on Lord Avon, porting a motion to adjourn the House, after only three bours business. Workers outside were unable to do that, and MPs were adopting double standards which were "a total and utter

ton, pointed out later, was courageous and not as outragedisgrace".
The House adjourned when Mr. Skinner was unable to find anyone to help him to force a division. ous as many of Mr Skinner's previous parliamentary inter-

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ernment does not announce the carrying out of executions, It

did so today apparently as a consequence of the petition by relatives. Rhodesian was seriously wounded in the restaurant the Rhodesia Herald following attack and is still receiving the relatives petition, the medical attention.

Ministry of Justice admitted that relatives were not told in advance of the date or place of the date or place of the date.

advance of the date or place of an execution and declined to

More than forty Labour MPs have signed a letter in support of the National Union of Labour Organizers in its blacking of the appointment of Mr Andrew Bevan, a Trotskyist, as national youth officer. It was written by Mr Kenneth-Weetch, MP for Ipswich, and addressed to Mr Arthur Clare, general secretary of the union . Leading article, page 15

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could lead to the end of a prison art scheme Arts, page 10
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to authorize a court action against the Union of Post Office Workers' proposed temporary boy cott of postal services to South Africa. He is prepared to take the fight to the House of Lords if Mr Silkin, as one of the Goveroment's law officers, makes his decisions without consulting the Cabinet. He is understood

Attorney General faces

judges today over

to be extremely angry at what be construes as political inter-ference by the judges, and will oppose their view vigorously. Once the matter is no longer sub judice, which should be in a few days, the Attorney General will take up the cudgels in the Commons, where he intends to make a statement. On Saturday Lord Denuing, Lord Justice Lawron and Lord Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ormrod, granted an in-junction to Mr John Gouriet, administrative director of the National Association for Free-dom, which prevented the union from implementing the boycott

until today.

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, asked if the courts were to stand by idly while the law was breached: was the Attorney General to be the final arbiter of whether the law was to be

Lord Justice Lawton said he could "concieve of many political reasons why the Autorney General decided not to intervene", and Lord Justice Ormrod said the court was faced with the gravest breach of the criminal law. The same three judges will hear Mr Silkin put his case

The legal and political implications of the case tended yesterday to eclipse any rankand file union action over the TUC-backed call for solidarity

with black South African workers against apartheid. At Heathrow airport, London,

post workers' boycott Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the African Airways flights worked Aftorney General, will appear normally and said they had no before the Court of Appeal intention of obeying Mr Jack today to explain why he refused lones, general secretary of the lones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who had called on his members to "impede and harass" services to South

docks also seemed reluctant to take direct action, and as Southampton they worked rormally on two ships on the South Africa route.

At Newcastle under Lyme a branch of the postmen's union unenimously, condemned the decision to impose the boycost decision to impose the boycost without consulting members. Mr Terence Lethem, the branch secretary, said: "We do not necessarily agree with what goes on in South Africa, but we think unloss should look after their members and stay out of politics. We will handle anybody's mail."

Mr Murray said yesterday that be was surprised at the Court of Appeal's ruling and at some of the statements made by the judges.

Mr Ronald Bell, QC, Conservative MP for Beaconstield,

said in London last night: "Why pick on Mr Si!kin? He is not much worse than a lot of other people in high positions

"What had Mr Varley to say last Thursday about the pro-posed illegal action of the Union of Post Office Workers? Just that if their action was comparable to what they did in 1973, ba, like the Conservative Government then, would think it sensible to do nothing."

Many leading politicians in all parties were scared out of their common sense by the trade unions, he said. Con-servatives should pluck up courage against the unions, as against "the cringing sub-servience of those who currently tarrish the seals of public office".

son inquiry after aper killed four

indred prison officers of the Prison Officers' Association fear ster jail plan to take that discontent among their members exceeds first of those they guard.

Their action comes A senior officer skid lest might that action could break ghes, who killed four thile on the run before of dead by the country. escape of Thomas Wil-ghes, who killed four thile on the run before ot dead by the police

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with the Government's hiding budgets and the

over the country.

taxi from Leicester jail to
Chesterfield Magistrates Court.

Mr Ress said he intended to

Mr Rees said he intended to publish the report of the prison inspector and disclosed that he had called for a more detailed report from the Chief Constable of Derbyshire.

Mr Whitelew, Conservative spokesman on home affairs, said: "This is one of the more serious breakdowns in security arrangements, afferting police.

arrangements affecting police, public and the prison service

public and the prison service since the last war."

After he had pressed the case for an independent inquiry Mr Rees told inim: "If need be, a fully independent public inquiry is not ruled out."

Mr Thomas Swein, Labour MP for Derbyshire, North East, called for a public inquiry followed by a debate on the inquiry's report.

Mr Rees said the report of the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service would be a better base on which to decide how to proceed.

bow to proceed.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, Liberal

MP for Devon, North, asked: How did at come about that

those responsible for transferring this man did not inform
themselves or those responsible
for his custody about his
violent propensities

Mr Rees replied that if
questions they had raised were
not answered in the report "we
must look at it again".

Mr James Marshall, Labour
Mp for Leicester, South, preed investigation would must look at it again mu reing escorted by hired in security at Leicester jan.

Mr. Rees said disciplinary charges might well be involved. Selfect other prisons, with the Government's point he would like to be absolutely sure of my facts."

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usband, aged 36, and ighter, Sarah, aged 10, Morgan's parents, Mr finton, aged 72, and his ly, aged 70, were all to death. Mrs Moran e sexually assaulted by while the family were or miles from Chester-

Details of what went on there y William Hughes, the after Hughes escaped were r, that they let pass given by Mr Alfred Mitchell, chances to raise the Assistant Chief Constable of

On Wednesday afternoon, as far as the police can tell at present, Hughes got into Pot-tery Cottage when only Mr and Mrs Minton were in.

Mr Minton and Sarah were put in separate rooms that might and the rest of the family were

that they were alive by taking food to the rooms. He allowed Mrs Moran to leave trie house when council workmen called to empty the septic tank. Mrs Moran signed

their worksheets but fearing for

Woman held and £250,000 drugs seized

£250,000 has been seized.

brought today.

Mr Mondale to visit London

on Europe tour

Mr Waker Moudale, the United States Vice-President-elect, will visit London on January 27 for talks with Mr Callaghan and other senior min-isters. He will be guest of honour at a dinner at 10 Downing Street.
Mr Mondale will have flown

to London from Germany, and when he leaves Britain, he will go to Paris.

attacks press

over Daoud affair

With a lofty style reminiscent of General de Gaulle, President Giscard d'Estaing

today rejected international criticism of France's decision to release Abu Daoud,

the Palestinian leader. He told a press con-ference that his country's foreign policy would not be decided by the newspapers.

"France and her people have lessons to receive from no one", he declared. The President went on to defend his economic

policy and to claim that the Government majority was united in its aims Page 6

Mr Theodore Sorensen has withdrawn as

Director designate of the United States Central Intelligence Agency. He had been accused of taking classified documents with him when he left the White House in

1964. He was President Kennedy's counsel

and used the documents in his book about

Leaders of the United Road Transport

Workers voted by 64 to 63 in Manchester to fix 18p as the minimum price of a standard loaf. In London delivery men demanded 19p, but 18p will be the national

price if the union executive approves the

Leaders of Yorkshire and Scottish areas

of the National Union of Mineworkers have voted to defy official policy and

recommend rejection of the National Coal

Board's offer on early retirement

Miners defiant

Van drivers' 18p loaf

Proposed CIA chief

withdraws

the late President

in raids

two people from Holland.

The raids took place in London and the Home Counties Charges are expected to be

Eight Africans are hanged in Rhodesia for terrorist bomb attacks From Michael Knipe Salisbury, Jan 17

Eight Africans found guilty last September of acts of terror-ism in Salisbury were hanged

here today.

Together with another who was sentenced to life imprisonment, the eight men had admitted carrying out hand grenade attacks on a restaurant and a nightclub in the centre of Salisbury, sabotaging railway lines and detonating explosives in an African township beerhall.

social priorities

The Central Policy Review Staff, popularity known as the "think-tank",

proposes opinion surveys on social priorities in education, health, housing and welfare. The object would be to test which available options would command

public support, while taking care to avoid raising public expectations unduly, par-ticularly on cash benefits Page 4

Belgian security police and Zaire Embassy officials were blaming each other last night

for the fracas at Brussels airport when security guards leapt upon an African who

suddenly produced a sub-machine gun as President Mobutu of Zaire was arriving for

Britain's independent schools have called

for cooperation and discussion with state

schools which would involve exchange of

teachers, the use of each others' school buildings, and sharing sixth forms Page 5

Nobel snub: In a letter to the chairman

of the Nobel prize committee Lord

Civil Service: The first stage of a three-year reorganization of training which has just been completed by the Civil Service

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occurred in the capital so far, in spite of the intensified. guerrilla conflict in the rural areas. A 19-year-old white

The hangings followed an appeal by the convicted men which was rejected and an salisbury, sabotaging railway unsuccessful petition for say whether relatives were ines and detonating explosives clemency to President John automatically informed after an an African township beerhall. Wrathall by the men's relatives. execution or only on request. The incidents were the only As a rule, the Rhodesian Gov-

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in capsize of launch Madrid, Jan 17 A shore leave ended in disaster for American sadiors and marfines in Barcelona early today, when a launch capsized as it was carrying them back to their ships in darkness. Ar least 23 men died, and by tonight as many as 15 were still unaccounted for. Twelve others From Harry Debelius Madrid, Jan 17 A shore leave ended in disaster for American sallors

23 US Navy men die

unaccounted for. Twelve others were being treated for injuries, according to a United States

consular spokesmen More than 100 men were on board the launch at the time of the accident about 2 am, but no one was sure of the exact number. Frogmen, who had

no one was sure of the exact number. Frogmen, who had worked through the day, continued the search for the missing as darkness fell again onlight.

Survivors said the launch overturned in Barcelona harbour in an accident involving a freighter. It was not clear whether the launch and the freighter actually collided or some of the trapped men from freighter actually collided, or whether the launch capsized in manoeuvre to avoid collision.

said the names of the deceased were being withheld pending notification of their next of kin. The . Spanish news agency idencified the freighter involved

in the accident as the Urlea, 380 tons, a Spanish ship entering the port at the time.

some of the trapped men from trying to dive out from under and swim clear. But they also Both Spanish and American gave them a breathing space of authorities were investigating. about one-and-a-half feet.—AF.

New Year's resolution to send a donation

50,000 people in this country alone suffer from Multiple Sclerosis. And, sadly, it is often younger people-many with young children-who seem most prone. Multiple Sclerosis strikes without warning,

apparently without reason. As yet we do not know the cause, yet alone the cure. This year, we shall need more money than ever if we are to be able to step up research and

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Derbyshire. Many of them have come from Mrs Moran.

Mrs Moran and her daughter arrived home soon afterwards, followed by Mr Moran, and all were confronted by the heavily armed Hughes.

not allowed to see them. Mr Mitchell said both were probably murdered that evening, but Hughes kept up the pretence

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ing a woman, in widespread raids during a period of 24 hours. Last night, while more raids were being carried out, the Yard said drugs valued at - Among the 10 detained were

Bread-van drivers' leaders decide by majority of one to fix 18p minimum price for wrapped loaf

Van drivers' leaders voted by a majority of one yesterday to fix a minimum price of 18p for a large wrapped loaf. But grocers in Scotland prepared to fix a 19p minimum in response to union pressure.

Delegates of the United Road Transport Union voted by 64 to 63 at a conference in Manchester and rejected a call from national officials for a minimum of 17p and pressure from some shop stewards in England for 19p.

The vote will be considered by the union executive on

by the union executive on Saturday. If the 18p minimum is adopted, shops selling for less will be boycotted by van

Drivers fear that price-cutting Scotland, said it had told by supermarkets on the scale envisaged by ministers would prevent small grocers- from selling bread and thus reduce scope for deliveries. A 15p toat is conceivable under the new government price control intro-duced this month, and many supermarkets want to sell at 17p. Key Markets said yester-day that it would continue to

charge 174p.
Mr Jackson Moore, general secretary of the union, said:
"I do not like being in conflict with the Government. I am a Labour Party supporter. He is to see the Advisory, Concilia-tion and Arbitration Service

tomorrow Fine Fare, which owns some reluctan of the largest supermarkets in to 19p."

By Our Labour Staff harge wapped loaves from 17p to 19p today in line with a decision of the Transport and

"They have been told today They have been told today to get up to 19p tonnorrow", the company said. "Some of our stores do not trade on Mondays, so that a few will probably have bread at 17p on Tuesday. We would maintain that price at many of our stores if we were able to."

General Workers' Union last

The Galbraith group, with 400 shops in Scotland, said:
"We are selling for 18p. Where a deliveryman refuses to supply us to sell at this price we are reluctantly increasing the price

Yorkshire and Scottish miners' leaders vote to oppose offer on retirement

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor Coalfield union leaders of more than 85,000 miners yesterday decided to defy official policy and recommend rejecof the National Coal Board's offer on early retire-ment, which is the subject of a secret pithead ballot next week. By 76 votes to one, the area ouncil of Yorkshire miners agreed to oppose the deal be-cause some surface workers who have not had the requisite underground experience are ex-cluded. In Edinburgh a ciuded. In Edinburgh a Scottish miners' delegate con-ference also voted to ask members to vote against the

board's offer. After the Scottish conference Mr Michael McGahey, president of the National Union of Mine-

From Our Correspondent

amendment on economic and

taxation powers to the Govern-

ment's devolution Bill would not be accepted, Mr Ewing, Under-Secretary of State at the

Scottish Office, said in Glasgow yesterday. He did not see the SNP as a danger to the Bill to

which they were committed.

Such amendments would lead

assembly elections would take

and political unity of the United

murder sentence

The principle of economic

place early in 1978.

man after

The Scottish National Party's yielded

Government pleased with

devolution Bill's progress

workers Scottish area and the union's national vice-president, said: "I can say after many years of angry conferences that this was one in which there was a lot of heat generated in opposition to the proposed

It had been suggested that Scottish miners should go it alone. "We were fortunate to persuade the conference not to take unilateral action", he added.

The Scottish miners noted the limited advance made in the past two weeks in nego-tiztions between the union and the board, but deplored the failure of the union's executive to negotiate early retirement

After 10 days of negotiations the executive voted by 14 to 11 to recommend an offer giving

miners retirement at 62 from August 1, reducing to 60 in mid-1979. There will be a ballot among 250,000 mineworkers on January 26 and 27. The Scottish miners' leaders

are seeking a large vote against the proposed agreement, but neither their intervention nor that of the Yorkshire erea council is expected to prevent a substantial majority in favour of the deal in the ballot vote. Nottinghamshire miners'

leaders, who sponsored the original resolution on early retirement, which demanded that men should be allowed to leave the pits at 60 from January 1 this year, reducing to 55 in mid-1980, have decided to accept the executive view. A vote for acceptance was also made by the Durham area

Signal-box dispute threatens rail

peace

A dispute between the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association threatens to disrupt industrial relations on

The NUR says that it will not work with any signals super-visor who does not come from the ranks of signalmen. Only the bigger, more advanced sig-nal boxes have supervisors, and the dispute is about whether they should come from the NUR or the TSSA.

The NUR executive says sig-

nalmen affected by the appointment of a supervisor who is not from the signalling grades will withdraw their labour. The British Railways Board said last night that no further appoint-ments of that kind were being

Most signalmen earn a basic £62.90, with a possible shift allowance in addition, compared with a supervisor's minimum of about £67. The NUR said last about 10%. The North said last night: "The board agrees that qualified signalmen would be the ideal people to be supervisors, but the TSSA would not

Cuts opposed

Three thousand members of the National Union of Public Employees intend to strike in Wiltshire today in protest against cuts in county council

services. The union said last night that more than 150 schools would close. Action would be taken by road workers, staff in residential homes and refuse collectors

offence had been committed in happened in Hongkong and not

Two other charges were misconceived. Mr Mathew said, adding that he would also prove that Mr Slater was not a director of the Haw Paw company in Singapore which was investigated by officials.

Mr Mathew said that three

Mr Mathew said that three main prosecution witnesses had

given evidence in affidavits, which meant that they could not be cross-examined.

He said that certain other claims had been made against

Mr Slater respecting other companies in the Far East. A

senior police officer from

Hongkong had come to Britain

and Mr Slater had given him full cooperation. The police

concluded successfully and he

had returned to Hongkong, but

Singapore had not bothered to make similar preliminary inquiries, Mr. Mathew said. The case continues today.

Supporting action is expected at eight hospitals. A march through Trowbridge is planned and councillors are to be lobbied.

No evidence of dishonesty, counsel in Slater case says

Kingdom would be preserved. That principle would not be On Sherland, Mr Ewing seid he had met the Shetland Islands Council, and the Prime Minister had written to the council. They were part of the United Kingdom and they started from that

"It could be that the Shet-land Isles has a case for repre-sentation within the assembly", he said. "These are matters that will be considered as we proceed along the road."

to separation and were some-what dishonest. They were being presented to make people believe that they were for devo-lution, whereas there was no On the response of English MPs to the Bill, Mr Ewing said doubt if those SNP amendments he could understand the feelings of members from Tyneside and were incorporated there would not be devolution but separation. Merseyside, but they had come The minister said he was delighted with the progress of the Bill and the Government a long way since the English attitude had been described as rue English backlash
I think they are rapidly
coming to the conclusion that hoped it would be with the House of Lords by Whitsun, and

me economic and political unity of the United Kingdom is being Shetland attitudes, page 16

Stones thrown at | Boy died after sniffing

From Our Correspondent Liverpool As a convicted murderer was leaving the dock at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday to start a life sentence an elderly man sitting in the public gallery flung stones at him, shouting:

"You bastard, you killed my son."

"You bastard, you killed my son." As a convicted murderer was

ment. When they asked for a full extinguisher for tests, Bricish Rail could provide only one because so many had been Hugh James Cunningham, aged 41, a taxi driver, of Knowsley Heights, Huyton, near Liverpool, who was apparently unharmed in the incident, had

Professor William Harland, a pleaded not guilty to murdering Lewis Firman Aldis, aged 27, and to wounding Mrs Rita Russell, his former woman friend, with intent, and to aggravated burglary at her flat in Durning Road, Liverpool. Mr Aldis was stabled. pathologist, said the boy died from inhaling vount, the result of the inhalation of highly toxic material from the eximate and a Kenya-borra appoints the control of the co guisher. He had had cases of people inhaling butane gas from lighter fuel and sniffing glue but this was his first case of death avising from a fire

Mr Justice Caulfield passed of death art concurrent sentences of seven extinguisher. years' imprisonment on the last

Woman killed her | W Berlin woos husband and son

Mrs Mary Kitson, aged 39, of Dunsmore Drive, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, who was said to have killed her son, aged four, and husband, was sentenced at Leeds Crown Court yesterday to four years' imprisonment for manslaughter.

On Thursday morning Mrs said they had visited five shops morning Mrs and a petrol station. "It is difficult to know why they did not contact the police, but decided against it because she feared for her family's safety, Mr Mitchell said.

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take him out in their car, but the first evening Hughes might the weather was so bad that have killed her father. Hughes they had to return to the cot-would not let her into her tage. Mrs Moran and Hughes into her daughter's or her

went out again to try to find a father's bedrooms."

friend of Hughes at Sutton in
Ashfield but the contact was that Sarah Moran was

Mr Justice Croom-Johnson said: "she is a danger, not only to herself but to other people in the forseeable future."

Continued from page 1 the lives of her family, gave no

indication that Hughes was only

a few yards away holding them at knife-point. On Thursday morning Mrs

On Thursday night Hughes ordered Mr and Mrs Moran to

not made.

fire extinguisher

Robert Paterson, aged 16, of Torogay Street, Milton, Glas-gow, died after suiffing the con-

The jury returned a formal

new investors

Berlin, Jan 17.—The West Berlin Senate has agreed to a programme costing between £5m and £7.5m to safeguard employment and create new jobs. It will require additional subsidies from the West German Government in

ing at the cottage. Mr Mitchell

whether her father was dead or alive. She believed that on

Police scientists now believe that Sarah Moran was killed on

Cottage not visited during manhunt, police say

Chesterfield to shop but they to drive to Brett Plastics at

told no one what was happen- Staveley, 10 miles away, where

the day Hughes began his siege. her husband's car in an extempt

The Singapore Government no prime facie case of fraud.

In produced no evidence of Of the charges brought against listonesty, fraud or deceit two were out of the court's jurisdiction because if any inspecies whom it mades had produced no evidence of distionesty, fraud or deceir against James Slater, the financier, whom it wates to extradits, it was stated at the opening of the defence case at horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Mr John Mathew said: "I am going to demonstrate that when the cridents is looked.

when the evidence is looked at for the first time with an unbissed and open mind, it becomes parently obvious that this was an honest transaction. "There was no need and no motive for fraud; and no need or motive has been suggested by the prosecution over the past eight days."

The Singapore Government is asking for the extradition of Mr Slater, aged 46, former head of Slater, Walker Securities, and of Richard Tarling, aged 42, former head of Slater, Walker's Far East operations. It is alleged that shares and money were siphoned off from Far East companies into Spy-dar, a Hongkong-based invest-

ment company.

Mr Mathew said there was

Five men arrested £385 fine over by fraud squad

Five men are expected to appear before magistrates at West Bromwich, West Mid-lands, today after arrests by fraud squad officers in London, Sussex and West Midlands A report was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions a year ago about two loan companies in West Mid-

pop recordings

Lee Wallace, aged 26, a car-penter, who was said to have produced a flood of half-price pirate cassette tapes of pop groups; was fined £385 at Hove Magistrates' Court, Sussex, yes-

terday.

Mr. Wallace, of Applesham about what they should be way, Portslade, admitted 12 offences of making, selling and possessing illegal recordings.

'Such awards will help to mislead non-economists'

Balogh snub for Nobel committee

By Peter Jay

Economics Editor The Nobel Prize for Economics is derided as a "sorry charade" in a bitterly worded letter (dated January 13 but released yesterday) to Professor Erik Lundberg, chairman of the prize committee, from Lord Balogh, former economic adviser to Sir Harold Wilson.

Lord Balogh describes some of the latest awards, which have included that to the 1976 win-ner, Professor Milton Friedman, as "insulting to people who, like myself, see in economic analysis a means of lessening the misery of the mass of grossly underprivileged peoples and bring about greater equality and security". Lord Balogh recently debated Britain's economic plight and

policies on television with Pro-fessor Friedman. Letters re-ceived by The Times unani-mously awarded the bout to peace

Legal aid

to European

Court of Justice in Luxembourg

for interpretation, the Queen's Bench Divisional Court decided

yesterday. . The decision clarifies an un-

sel argued that that would be contrary to EEC rules on the

freedom of movement of wor-kers within the Community.

refer the case to the European

Court for interpretation of the legal point involved, but ruled

that he had no power to gran

Woman killed for

Margaret MacDonald, aged 20,

was sentenced at Glasgow High Court yesterday to life imprison-

ment for murdering Mrs Christine Elder, aged 21, of

Possilpark, Glasgow, on October 24 last, because Mrs Elder

not paying bill

legal aid.

The magistrate decided

applies

court

rofessor Friedman. Lord Balogh asserts that

such awards will help to mis-lead a number of non-econom-ists in positions of great power, like the present West German Chancellor, into policies which will, through regressive tax reform, deflation and unemployment, lower the living standards of those least capable of sustaining such pressure".

Observers familiar with Chancellor Schmidt's opinion about

all economists said yesterday that he is unlikely to be dazzled even by Nobel Prize winners, whether charlatans or

true prophets.
Lord Balogh writes: "I have always been of the opinion that, since economics is not a science but a method of reasoning based on definite political values and an intuitive art of evaluating relationships which are highly unstable, it is not a suitable discipline for the awarding of prizes such as the Nobel claims

"Even literature and peace?", he writes, "must be regarded in the same way".

There have so far been 12

among all living economists
among all living economists.
The list runs: Ragnar Frisch
(Norway) and Jan Tinbergen
(Holland), 1969; Paul Samuelson (United States), 1970;

"prizewinners in economi sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel", of whom five were American citizens at the time of receiving the award. That is a distinctly lower proportion than that of American economists among all living economists.

Simon Kuznets (United States), 1971; Kenneth Arrow (United States) and Sir John Hicks (United Kingdom), 1972; Wassily Leontief (United States), 1973; Gunnar Myrdal (Sweden) and Friedrich von Hayek (United Kingdom), 1974; Leonid Kantorovich (Soviet Union) and Tjalling Koopmans (Holland), 1975; and Milton Friedman (United States), 1976.

It is presumed that Lord Balogh particularly dislikes the awards to Friedman and Hayek, Simon Kuznets (United States)

awards to Friedman and Hayek, noted "free market" econo-mists, but Myrdal is an acknowledged hero among socialist

or Glednow Valley Road escaped with only a thumb when he was through the windscreen vehicle into a stream skid at Warenford, Nort Pilot fined £100

In brief

Clearing snov

job for youth

A coroner in Birminghterday warned elderly against trying to clear from outside their how Richard Whittington water the street into the street

ing an inquest into the of Mr Ralph Cappy, at one of five people said t

died while clearing and

be left to teenagers, or adults", Dr Whittingto He recorded a verdict or

from natural causes . Cappy, of Barrows Yardley.

Hope for Pakistan

Islamabad, Jan 17. 14,000 Pakistanis here, to join their families in

have been told by Dr Summerskill, Under-Secr State for the Home Offi

the Government will c

speeding consideration

Mr John Robinson, a of Gledhow Valley Road

visa applications. Crash driver's esca

" The clearing of snow

Trevor Frederick aged 41, of Farmcomb Tumbridge Wells, Ken flew an aircraft over the to let his passenger v bome was fined £100 bridge Wells Magistrate

will look into individual cases, which we will present to him, he said. "He must exemine these and obviously cannot commit himself until be has Mr Ashley who was accompanied by Mrs Rosemary Fox, chairman of the Association of Parents of Vaccine-damaged Children. He said the advan-Governor stays on Hongkong, Jan 17.—T snor of Hongkong, Sir Maclehose, will stay in I for an extra year after h tages of vaccination for the majority could not be an of office expires later th a Government statemer

> Life jail for killing Andrew Lonsdale, age

Mr Silkin, the Attorney General, where responsibility lies when a child suffers brain factory worker, of Drive, Durham, was ji Newcastle upon Tyne Court yesterday for life manslaughter of Mrs Mawson, aged 48, of Ti cation of the present position, appeared to be that if damage could be proved to be due to Flats, Durham.

vaccination the responsibility lay with individual doctors. Prisoner sought Peter Anderton, ager remand prisoner relea bail to attend his mother's funeral at R Berkshire, yesterday dis ed and was being son the police last night.

Court evacuated Horseferry Road Mugi

Escaped man soug Police were searching day for Roy McNeil, ag who escaped from Er

Ombudsman will study vaccination complaints Sir Idwal would investigate the cases, "He has agreed that he

seen them."

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent Sir Idwal Pugh, the Parlia-mentary Commissioner for Health (Ombudsman), has asked for individual or perhaps By Our Legal Correspondent Legal aid granted to a de-fendant for his appearance be-fore an English magistrates' court covered the costs of tak-ing the case to the European a group of parents complaints before deciding whether he can investigate alleged failures in the health service about warnings of possible danger ro children given whooping cough

The request for an investi-gation was made by Mr Ashley, Labour member for Stoke-oncertainty about the status of legal sid before the Luxem-bourg court, and the procedure for granting it. Trent, South, when he saw the commissioner yesterday. Mr Ashley is campaigning for com-pensation for about 300 child-ren said to have been damaged tor granting it.

The issue arose after the conviction last year of M Roger
Bouchereau, a French citizen,
of drug offences. Mr St John
Harmsworth, the Mariborough
Street magistrate, wanted to
make an order for his deportation, but M Bouchereau's counsel argued that that would be

raccine.

by vaccines. He believes that as many as a thousand children may eventually be involved.

He wants to know where the responsibility lies if a child suffers from brain damage attributable to vaccination. After the meeting Mr Ashley

No reply has yet said he was in no doubt that received. Move to defeat Government

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Conservatives attempt to defeat the Government today on its proposals to prevent the earnings limit, before pensions are reduced, ris-ing in April from £35 a week to £50. Mrs Chalker, Conservative spokesman on social services, says in a statement that the Opposition will also try to walked out of a restaurant, leaving Margaret MacDonald

link the £50 limit to rises in average earnings. te procosals

on pensioners' earnings limit sidered during the committee stage on the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill. The Government wants to retain the £35 limit this April but to allow for an anual review in line with earnings.

excuse for nor looking into the

cases that went wrong.

Earlier this month he asked

damage after routine vaccina-tion. His letter said the impli-

Index-linking of the earnings rule has persuaded Labour backbenchers not to vote against the Government in committee, although some of them com-bined with the Opposition last year to legislate for the present limit and the new one of £50.

Court, Westminster, was ated yesterday after t covery of a suspicious pa the third floor. The found it was a radio.

detention centre, near I Wiltshire. He was ser sentence for burglary.

Duke of Edinburgh writes about 'upside-down' life

By Penny Symon

and opportunity that make it work hard, earn a living pro-interesting, have in many cases vide for his children, provide been removed, the Duke of Edinburgh says in the magazine Director. He had been asked for his views on the state of the nation and has responded with an outspoken account in which

By Penny Symon

"A hundred years ago everyIn a great effort to make life one knew what he should do", the state says, "No, we are it this way round, but if this way round, but if the says, "He should go out, better able to educate them." be something very ne easier for people, the challenge he says. "He should go out, for health, provide for old age, leave something solid for his children, accumulate some wealth and some treasures of various kinds. He wanted to be benefits, and in any case there remembered for being a successful person, to contribute to charity, to build up something for the community.

"If you want any of these things roday that the same all cut was all cut was there, at were perfectly competitive wealth (well, it is not a question of must not, but it is so being successful. He same things roday that the same all cut was all cut.

You need not try to provide (well, you can try) for your health, because the state says, 'No, we can do it for you'. You need not try to provide for your old age, because you have got to be taxed to provide other social

be something very ne wouldbe a complete re of what I would have th was normal human natur inclination in this country Britain had much to come to the world, he said he we got into the positi being successful. He s things today, they are all cut We have turned the whole overcome her difficulties off. You need not try to prothing, in a sense, upside down. will was there.

Immigrants represented on commission

A West Indian, a Pakistani and a Kenya-born Indian have been appointed deputy chairmen-designate of the Commission for Racial Equality, the Home Office announced yesterday. The appointments are likely to mitigate some of the criticism about the alleged white domination of the new commission, which is to be set up under the Race Relations

up under the Race Relatious Act, 1976.

Mr Clifton Robinson, headmaster of Uplands County Junior School, Leicester, one of the three men, is a magistrate and vice-chairman of the East Midlands conciliation committee of the Race Relations Board. Mr Robinson, who comes from the West Indies, is also a member of the Radio Leicester advisory committee and a member of Leicester University teachers' services University teachers' services Bom.

It provides for a central office to help potential investors and cut red tape, and for a high official who will seek new investment.

University teachers services
Tucker, both of wire committee.

Mr Pranlal Sheth, company with the Community secretary of Abbey Life Commission, are ex Assurance Company and exert be appointed as distribution of the new commission.

On Friday morning Mr and On Friday evening Hughes to hold her hostage and make M1: Moran were sent to forced Mr Moran and his wife good his escape.

ne ordered Mr Moran, who

worked there, to open the safe

in his office. After stealing about £100 in cash he ordered them to drive home. The police are convinced

The police are convinced that Hughes was ready to leave the Morans' home after the robbery. But after they had returned home Mrs Moran alerted a neighbour, Mr Leonard Newman, and told him the family were being held hostage. Hughes went back into the cottage, saying he wanted some maps, and stabbed. Mr Moran and Mrs Minton to death.

He bundled Mrs Moran into

of the Race Relations Board.

Mr Bashir Maan, a businessman and Glasgow city councillor, is president of the Standing Conference of Pakistani
Occanizations in the United was chairman of Glasgow police and fire committee in

Mr David Lane, former Conservative MP for Cambridge, has been appointed chairman-designate of the new commission, and Mr Thomas Connelly, chief officer of the Race Relations Board, has been Connelly, chief officer of the Race Relations Board, has been appointed its chief executive. Mr Peter Sanders, who is Mr Connelly's deputy at the board, Mr Alan Little and Mr Peter Tucker, both of whom work with the Community Relations Commission, are expected to be appointed as directors of the new commission.

The Race Relations Act provides for the appointment by the Home Secretary of up to 15 commissioners, including the chairman and the deputy chairmen. The chairman is responsible for the appointment of the directors and other members of staff.

Several hours later after the car had crashed into a wall at the Cheshire village of Rainow, Hughes was shot dead by police marksmen as he attacked Mrs Moran sixting in the front sear.

Mr. Mitchell said counter.

Mr Mitchell said searches had been carried out at isolated

farms and outbuildings until daylight faded on Wednesday. Officers, dogs and helicopters were used, and the area of the

search was extended the next

day.

On the Thursday morning information had been received that Hughes had violent intentions in connexion with a woman in the Lancashire area. The search was therefore concentrated weetwards and the

centrated westwards, and the

cottage at Eastmoor was not

technical services division, a That means that of the top Kenya Asian, is a barrister and a member of the North Metropolitan Conciliation Committee of commissioners, only one is likely to go to a coloured man: Mr Tucker comes from Sierra Leone. Only one of the lor, is president of the Standlor, is president of the Standlor, is president of the Standlor ing Conference of Pakistani
lor headed by Mr Connelly, which
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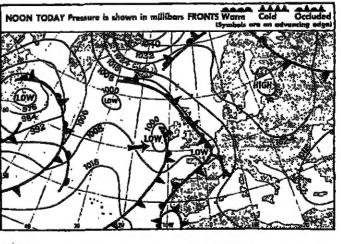
Last October Asian and West Indian community leaders in letters and telegrams to the Home Office and to Mr Lane expressed "disgust and outrage" at the lack of immi-

£8,500 award

Heather Walk, Edgware, Middlesex, whose home started to crack up because of the growth of tree roots from a neighbouring garden, were awarded £8,513 damages in the High Court yesterday.

They sued Mr Bedo Kalpakin,

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Moon rises: Moon sets: 6.34 am 3.41 pm New Moon: Tomorrow. Lighting up : 4.56 pm to 7.26 am.

£8,500 award

for damage

caused by trees

Mr Ronald Conway, a men's outfitter, and his wife, Jean, of Heather Walk Edward (29.6ft).

Expension to 7.2 am. 1.2.5 am. 6.7 m (22.1ft); 12.49 pm, 6.7 m (22.1ft); 6.28 pm, 12.8 m (22.1ft); 10.18 pm, 6.5 m (21.3ft); 10.18 pm, 6.6 m (21.3ft); 10.18 pm, 6.6 m (22.9ft); 5.12 pm, 7.2 m (23.6ft). Liverpool, 10.3 am, 9.1 m (30.0ft); 10.31 pm, 9.0 m (29.6ft).

Expension up: 4.38 pm to 7.28 am. 4.28 am. 6.7 m (21.27 m); 12.49 pm, 6.7 m (22.1ft); 10.18 pm, 6.28 pm, 6.5 m (21.28 m); 10.31 pm, 9.0 m (23.6ft).

Expension up: 4.38 pm to 7.28 am.

High water: London Bridge, 12.19 am, 6.7 m (22.1ft); 12.49 pm, 6.7 m (22.1ft); 10.18 pm, 6.5 m (21.28 t); 10.18 pm, 6.5 m (21

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Pressure will be high to E of Britain and low to S and W.

London, SE, central S and N.

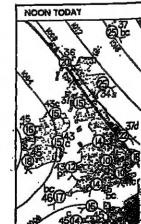
NW England, Midlands, Lake District: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of rain or snow dying out; wind SE, moderate or fresh; max temp 2 to 4°C (36 to 39°F).

SE, moderate or fresh; max temp 3 or 4°C (37, to 39°F). East Anglia, E and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Rather cloudy, scattered wintry showers; wind SE, moderate or fresh; max temp 2 or 3°C (36 to 37°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Rather cloudy; occasional rain, becoming heavier and more persistent later, perhaps moderate falls of snow on high ground; wind SE, moderate or fresh, locally strong; max temp 4 to 6°C (39 to 43°F). Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry, bright spells: wind SE, light or moderate; max temp 2°C (36°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; t, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.





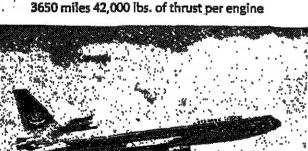
Outlook for Thursday: rather cloudy, times, snow on high 8 rather cold, but temp near in extreme W; night fre fog.
Sea passages: S North
Strait of Dover, English C
(E): Wind SE, moderate of Stra moderate.
St George's Channel, Irisl
Wind SE, strong to gale, befresh; sca rough at first.

Yesterday London: Temp: max, 6 at pm, 5°C (41°F); min, 6 6 am, 1°C (24°F). Humir pm, 82 per cent. Rain, 2 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 1.7hr. Bar, mean sea k pm, 1.024,4 millibars, falli

1,000 millibars = 29.53fp. Austria, Sch 17: Beighum, Canarius, Peg 43: Demark, Finland, Fink 50: Frades, Finland, Fink 50: Frades, O: Frades, Finland, Fink 50: Frades, Finland, Fink 50: Formani, Fink 5

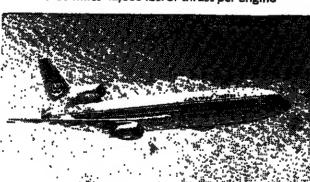
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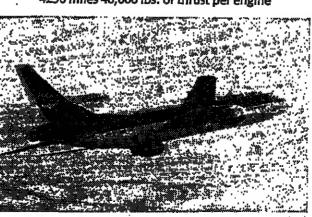


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'Think-tank' proposes new opinion | Ex-Rommel surveys on social priorities in education, health, housing, welfare

The Central Policy Review Staff, known popularly as the "think rank", has asked whether the Joint Approach to Social Policy (jasp) programme should be changed. It proposed the programme originally to decide social policy at a time of economic restraint.

Now the review staff is sug-

gesting that ministers should make public speeches on the options available for social ser-vices and their consequences. debate could take place, it is proposed, on issues as varied s the future of education, health, housing and welfare.

The review staff also proposes opinion surveys to test which options would command public support. Such surveys would have to be so designed as to avoid raising public expectations beyond what is possible, particularly on cash because the Jasp programme is a review of the entire range of the social services, ordered by the Cabinet. The review staff has told ministers, however, that anything on the scale of the annual defence review, which the Cabinet bad sought ln that way an informed debate could take place, it is proposed, on issues as varied s the future of education, health, housing and welfare.

The review staff also proposes on injury courses to the

Two groups for whom much more financial support has been pledged by the Labour Party are one-parebt families and the disabled, but surveys that ways the impression that

issues. An example suggested tween services in by the review staff would be graphical areas. discussions between the Secre-taries of state and permanent the likely impasecretaries at the Departments of Health and Social Security and Education and Science on use of education resources to expand social work training.

decide on those issues this month at their third joint meeting under the programme. the meetings have enabled ministers to consider medium-term priorities across their

departmental boundaries. The programme has provided ministers with better information on which to decide priorities the rule to the work of a specific the rule to the specific to the callist unit set up by the Cen-tral Statistical Office. But there is some scepticism in Whitehall about the idea that other advances made under the

which the Cabinet had sought would be impossible.

Instead, it is concentrating on four specific areas. The most important will consider

how the social services respond to clients' needs in education, that gave the impression that there might be early ction to help either group would be building up false hopes.

A third new approach might be occasional talks between two departments at top level to discuss important joint policy issues. An example suggested to clients' needs in education, health, housing or welfare. The other three studies cover children, including the impact of the falling birth rate on education and health; use fiscuss important joint policy vices; and the variation between services in different geoon education and health; use of manpower in the social ser-vices; and the variaton be-tween services in different geo-

Studies completed include the likely impact on different groups of new policy propo-sals, the cooperation between local and central government, and the implications for the social services of population

cently because the Department of the Environment has been immersed until recently with its review of housing

But the department has been cooperating with the Department of Health on difficulties of meeting the housing costs of the poor. A single, unified housing benefit is being considered to replace the rent and rate rebates and rent additions paid to people on supplementary benefits.

such a benefit has been pro-posed frequently, but the need for it is now seen as urgent because of the confusion hetween the two types of aid. People on supplementary bene-fits have a "rent addition" included in their allowances to meet the full cost of their rent meet the full cost of their rent and rates and are therefore ineligible for rent and rate rebates. But if their total sup-plementary benefit is small, they may be better off claim-ing rebates instead.

The "better off " dilemma

whose main income from retirement pension is topped up by a small amount of supplementary pension. An estimated 200,000 pensioners receive a supplementary pension of less than their full rent and rates, and three quarters of them would be better off if they transferred to housing benefits.

If a suitable formula could

If a suitable formula could be found to combine the two systems, it would be a good example of what the Jasp pro-gramme was intended to

officer keeps **Ulster buses** profitable

For residents in many parts of Northern Ireland the sight of a burning bus has become too familiar for more than a passing glance. In the past four months eighty have been destroyed by extremists, more than during any comparable period since the emergency

hegan.
The total since 1969 exceeds
470, although Mr Werner Heu-beck, the German-born manag-ing director of Ulsterbus and Citybus, is uncertain of the exact figure. "It is like asking in wartime how many planes have been lost", he said. Despite almost daily disrup-

tions he runs one of the few public transport undertakings in Europe still financially prof-itable. Last year the surplus was £1.3m and it is expected to exceed £2m when returns are completed in March. The main reasons are the

unconventional management skills and opproach of Mr Huebeck, once an explosives officer with Rommel's Afrika Korps, who frequently con-founds the police and Army by personally carrying bombs off his buses. "It is not against the law, so there is little they can do to stop me", he said

Recently, in a remote co Fermanagh lane a hundred miles from his Belfast headquarters, Mr Huebeck, for the fifteensh time, removed a boax bomb from a hijacked bus. It is an aspect of his activities

Mr Huebeck's roundabout man but speaks fluent English, route to Northern Ireland first practised as interpreter in began in his home town of an American prisoner-of-war Nuremberg in 1946, when he met his English wife while camp. Highly respected by his employees, Mr Heubeck blends serving as a translator at the war crimes trials. He emigrat-ed to Britain and arrived in modern techniques with the tough, individualistic approach of an old-style boss, handling all union negotiations and stubbornly resisting political Belfast 11 years ago in answer attempts to interfere with bus schedules.

Mr Heubeck amid the wreckage of a bus destroyed by extremists.

that receives little publicity. With his Tirolean hat, lapel. Mr Heubeck attributes the "My drivers face risks daily, less suits, and guttural accent network's financial success to so why shouldn't I?" he said. he remains unmistakably Geran overriding determination to Mr Heubeck attributes the

tish Leyland and another will

Applications for parity in a

specific area of benefit, such as a profit-sharing scheme,

may also flounder because the

CAC, if the claim go that far, would look at the entire range of benefits to establish

any differences in the "gen-eral level" of terms and condi-

One precedent cited to prove that schedule 11 claims will

remain profitable. All buses are one-man-operated. Doubledeckers are being replaced by single-deckers with standing room, and manpower has been heavily trimmed

At 53 he is looking for a new industrial challenge, preferably rescuing another transport con-cern. "No job is ever com-pletely finished", he remarked, "but if I was blown up today, Ulster's buses would

Negligence

blamed for swine fever

may be the cause of the latest outbreak of swine vesicular disease which has led to the slaughter of more than 3,500 pigs in the past four months, according to scientists at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

experts at the ministry declared the United Kingdom clear of the disease because a year had passed since the last series.

The animal health division of the ministry said yesterday:

"The Jast four outbreaks have covers about a quarter of manufacturing industry. Schedule 11, however, applies to almost everybody.

feelings from the Royal Scottish

said.
Mr Arthur Bates, a Negligence in preparing feed deteriorate further unlesthing is done."

Dr Alan Jennings, se of the staff committee

Last summer animal health

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Mr Ennals tudio

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sary to decide whether the New-town and Aldridge factories Plan to move were part of the same establishstaff 'grotesqu Claim by woman guard: Miss Judy Dunlop, aged 24, is seek-ing damages at an Edinburgh industrial tribunal for injured

A £39m plan to transfer than four-thousand Minis Defence civil servants a diff was described as a ! que waste of public mor Mr Gwynfor Evans, pre of Plaid Cymru, yesterda In a letter to the Char of the Exchequer, he sai diff could not house it people and had a waitin of 3,600 families.

Water-rate increase () () () () () The North West Authority announced yes that charges for do supplies in the next fis year would cost on avera a week more. The char sewerage and environ services would rise by b 1p and 2p a week.

Woman factory worker loses pay test case

From Our Correspondent Shrewsbury

other women when an industrial tribunal at Shrewsbury yesterday dismissed her claim.

Mr Leslie Bromwell, a union convener, said they intended to take her case to the High Court Mr Bromwell, of the Metal Mechanics' Union, has sought a ruling that a car components a ruling that a car components factory at Newtown, Powys, where Miss Pritchard, aged 22, last summer, said academy of the same establishment as prudent and undesirable." for the company's other factory at female security guard to do

the same work at Aldrigg.
Mr Anthony Gordon, the
chairman of the tribunal, said a
recent decision made it unneces-

Mr Moore and Mrs Sloman will compile a report on medium-term and long-term training possibilities, including the new staff college, by the end of the year for submission to ministers in 1978.

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Union executive to discuss car worker's refusal

From Our Correspondent Luton

Mr John Cotter, aged 43, a car worker at Vauxhalls, at Luton, lost another round yesof a union on religious grounds. He has been at home on full pay for six weeks since work-mates refused to work beside

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has refused to give way in the dispute over Mr Cotter, who, an industrial tribunal ruled, can keep his job at Vauxhalls. The case has been sent to the union's parional executive committee. national executive committee.

Mr Cotter, of Park Street, Luton, is a member of the Ecclesia of Christ, which for-bids "yoking with unbelievers" and membership of a union. A shop steward said yesterday: "Mr Cotter's attitude is an insult to other workers. We have Christians, Muslims and Jews in the factory, and he is saying they are unbelievers."

Writ over book on TV news

Lawyers acting for Mr Frank Lawyers acting for Mr Frank
Duesbury, public relations
officer for Independent Television News, have issued a writ
alleging libel against the
publishers and primers of a
book called Bad News, which
attacks the idea that television
news is objective. It is understood the writ

relates to review copies of the back, written last year by Classow University Media Clasrow University Media Group, which undertook a sixmonth study of television news

New press technology pla

By Our Labour Editor

Fleet Street printing workers to be suspicious of "lest belonging to the National Graphical Association are circulating a privately printed had been virtually no continuous properties."

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(branches) in nine national daily newspapers. It describes the draft agreement between union leaders and publishers as "the most mouldy old carrot ever to be offered as an incentive to change".

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future of their industry. It says:

The under-mentioned machine chapels do not agree with the trade union members of the joint standing committee that this is the correct approach, and call upon the membership of Fleet Street to reject the provisional agreements made.

Signed Daily Express, The Guardian, The Sunday People, The Daily Telegraph, The Times, The Revening News, Daily Mirror, The Observer. The Financial Times, Reveille, The Times educational supplements, machine casuals, Morning Standard.

The document recalls that at a meeting on December 14. Fleet Street machine chapel printing workers rejected Programme for Action and Called on their general secretary, Mroe Wade, to withdraw from the joint standing committee, the trade union-management forum that agreed on the proposals

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Misfits in teaching should go, MP says

Teacher misfits should be removed from their posts, a former junior education minister declared last night. But any scheme based on discussions be tween the authorities and the teachers' unions must not have the appearance of a "witch hunt", Mr William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for Wokingham, said.

The misfits were like "bad apples in the barrel", he added. "They do not pull their weight. They do not do their homework. have no dedication to outof-school activities. But it is one thing to say that: it is quite another in a democratic society to remove their livelihoods from

"Discussions should be opened with teachers' unions to e if agreement can be reached on the principles upon which the few teachers involved could be removed from their posts." He was commenting on the statement by Mrs Williams, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, that during the years of education expansion young men and women with no great inclination or talent for teaching had entered the pro-

Industrial action begins in 300 schools

More than two thousand teachers in three hundred chools in Avon began indus-The first, fairly prossic, phase of reorganization sprang from an internal management review within the Civil Service Department. Its chief feature involved a tidler system of administration for existing training provision. trial action yesterday in protest education cuts.

They are all members of the

They are all members of the National Union of Teachers, and are taking action for an indefinite period. Mr Jack Evans, an executive member of the NUT, said in Bristol. They are refusing to cover for colleagues absent through illness training provision.

But the appointment of a new principal for the Civil Service College, Mrs Barbera Sloman, a career civil servent of under-secretary rank, who has replaced an academic outsider, is regarded as a significant harbinger of change. She will report to Mr John Moore, a deputy secretary in the Civil Service Department, who and refusing to cover unfilled

vacancies.

The teachers move follows to dismissal of 32 part-time teachers and the reduction in Service Department, who assumes responsibility under the new arrangement both for training at department level and within the college. nours for a further 30 part-

160 children in blood-lead survey Eirmingham is to continue its

levels with a survey of children aged between one and five. A rotal of 160 children, 80 of each hy sex, from all parts of the city will give blood samples in

to Mr. Howell, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, and are likely to be sent to the EEC in Brussels. The work may be important in helping to determine what hap-nens next about lead in the en-ironment not only in Britain but across Europe.

Norwegian with pistol fined

Olav Askim Kjeserud, aged 35, a Norwegian pistol-shooting champion, who said he thought it was legal to carry a loaded cun in London for protection, was fined \$50 at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday.

He admitted having a Browning automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition without

Owl warning

Cheshire police issued a warning yesterday about a male eagle owl which escaped from an aviary at Sandbach during the weekend. The police said the bird could kill a deer and must not be approached.

Big unions will try to beat the £4 limit on pay increases

Some of the biggest unious are involved in a spate of claims being examined by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) for improved terms and conditions outside the TUC-Government guidelines.

The applications are being made under schedule 11 of the Employment Protection Act, which has been widely condemned by employers for its wage intentionary implications. claims is aimed at testing the The Transport and General scope.

Workers' Union, with 1,900,000

The Department of Employment believes that many unions are getting too excited about the possibilities and that the credibility of the pay (ASTMS), whose 10 claims so policy will not be undermined.

completed the first stage of a

three-year reorganization of

training which may lead to a

new style of public administra-

The impetus for reform has come from the failure of the Civil Service College to live up

to the high hopes that accom-panied its foundation in 1970. The need to train a new breed

of administrator, better equipped to formulate econ-

omic, industrial and social policy and to run a large public sector, is keenly felt in White-hall by both ministers and civil

By Peter Hennessy

tion by the 1980s.

servents alike.

training provision.

The General and Municipal Workers' Union, third largest of the unions, is considering about ten claims at national level as well as some local claims. The National Union of Journalists was among the first to lodge a claim for improved conditions for some London magazine members.

The potential of the measur to best the £4 maximum allowed under the present guidelines is still not clear to unions, and the initial rush of wage inflationary implications, claims is simed at testing the

Mr John Moore: Respon-

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changing the style of the Civit Service over a generation, will concentrate on prepering senior civil servences for the highest responsibilities. Akied to that will be improvements in training for executive officers, who fulfil the middle-management requirements of the public service.

The general subcommittee of the Commons Select Committee on Expenditure, which is in-vestigating the Civil Service, is expected to add weight in its report in May to those who would reform Whitehall along

sibility for training.

Need to train a new breed of administrator

swaits unions in pursuing claims under the schedule, not least an enormous application tion Committee (CAC), the form, which should damp a lot final arbiter if Acas fails in a of enthusiasm at the outset. forms are studied initially by Acas to ensure that the claim is within the scope of help to end pockets of low the schedule, and some claims pay. Where there is a national will be turned away at that or district agreement, claims

Whitehall officials seem is not observing the requiremuch less worried about the ments; where there is no inflationary implications than the Confederation of British Employers' Federation, both of which have condemned the

Industry and the Engineering that claims for improved terms and conditions aimed at ending

Barbara Sloman:

Harbinger of change.

turned impressed.

visited last autumn, and re-

Ministers, too, have become increasingly converted to the value of an administrator who

could perform a variety of

tasks, French style, within the public sector by combining, for example, a post in the Department of Industry with a spell in a nationalized concern

or a period in a large unit of

or a perion in a large line of local government with a career in the Department of the En-vironment. A common core of training at a British ENA is

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However, the officials expect even though its use is confined so that it cannot tackle relativity problems within the same and conditions aimed at ending company. Any attempt, for anomalies caused by the operation dates of pay restraint politics between one plant of Britannian dates of pay restraint politics.

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has cast severe doubt about the possibility of such a new depar-ture in the near future

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of success. They remain confident that the Central Arbitra-

concidiation attempt, will not be a push-over. The measure is designed to

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not lightly succeed is that of abour 116 applications last year under the fair wages resolution (which, because of the sche-dule, is now virtually obsolete) Unofficial estimates are that the fair wages resolution

No decision has yet been taken on founding a British ENA. The need for economy Miss Margaret Pritchard, a factory machine operator, who takes home £20 a week less than sture in the near future
Should is be established,
however, it would be an institution modelled more on the
staff colleges of the British
Armed Services than the Paris
ecole which many in Whitehall
see as an elutin, selection mechanism inappropriate to British
needs. Instead of grooming
young men and women in their
sants twenties before their pub. men who do the same job, lost the second round of her equal pay test case on behalf of 60 other women when an industrial tribunal at Shrewsbury yester-

the company's other factory at a female security guard to do Aldridge, Staffordshire. Women at the BRD company at New town earn less than men doing the same work at Aldridga.

Mr Anthony Gordon, the Mr Sex Discrimination Act and

early twenties before their public service career has begun, like ENA, the British college would train those in their middle thirties who had already proved their capacity in a series of demanding jobs. The first selection for direct entry to higher posts would continue to be made by the extended interview to higher posts. made by the extended interview techniques; used by the Civil Service Commission.

The emphasis of the new institution would be preparation for the analytical and managerial difficulties encountered in the higher reaches of the public service. Teaching would be provided chiefly by the men and women who had already experienced such demands, rather than outside

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and within the college.

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Social trends, 5: Marked differences between regions and classes

sociologists say British society is characterized more by its solidarity than its divisions. None the less there are persistent differences between the various regions and the social classes. During the past few years segrenabical and few years geographical and social disparities have scarcely altered, except for some unmis-takable signs that the distribu-tion of earned income is becoming more even.

There is some basis in fact for the popular identification of North and South, bounded by a line drawn from the Severn to the Wash. According to the regional statistics collected by the Central Statistical Office, the North, especially the North East, Yorkshire and Humberside, is dirtier and Jess healthy. Its households received comparatively more in section.

comparatively more in social security money but earn less on average each week and are more likely to have a wage earner unemployed. earner unemployed. ferences between the regions workers have consistently Wealth and high incomes find a place in the figures. lower educational ambitions

south-east, though on some markers, such as the age of housing, London does badly.

Regions of population growth since 1970 and, it is projected, for the next two decades are East Anglia, the East Midlands and the Southwest. Such growth is mainly because of migration. The population of Scotland, stable since 1961, is expected to grow in the 1980s and 1990s for, despite its climate of political grievance, Scotland does better on most measures of wellbeing than some other regions.

Scotland has proportionately more prosecutions for driving under the influence of alcohol though fewer cars a head. The North-east region consumes proportionately more prosecutions for driving under the influence of alcohol though fewer cars a head. The Central Statistical Office advises that to know an individual's social class is to know little about the person, but class, defined in the most unclass, defined in the most unc

on most measures of wellbeing than some other regions.

Scottish unemployment, a quarter more than the British average in recent years, is better than in the North-east, the North-west and Wales; Scotland's "excess" of social security benefits, measured by proportion of total basefits in proportion of total benefits in relation to proportion of pop-ulation, is less by well over £50m a year than the North-

ference related to occupation, is still a hugely important general guide to disparities of educational provision, hours worked, income earned and property owned.

In a strict numerical sense the past five years has seen the past five years has seen the middle class growing: more people are classed as professional and managerial, fewer as skilled and unskilled manual workers. What does the classification confer?
Manual workers still work

an average seven hours more than white-collar workers each

five professional and mana-gerial households own their home or pay a mortgage; the fourth is in furnished private Three out of five semiskilled manual households are tenants

either of a local authority or in unfurnished private rooms; the fourth is a house owner or

Manual workers have benefited in recent years, however. Between 1970 and 1975 their median earnings increased at a faster rate than those of white-collar workers, and at the same time differentials in both Another sign on the same road is change in the distribution of wealth. Among that half of the population identified as wealth owners there has been a located as of different control of different control of the contro has been a lessening of dif-ferences which has been linked with a decline in shares as a of wealth and the in-

creasing importance of physical assets, notably houses. Final article: Minorilles

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its greatly strengthened inter-national identity. Ever since the Original Six igned the Treaty of Rome in

March, 1957, the economic power of the EEC had exercised a growing attraction for much of the rest of the world. It was much strengthened by enlargement.

When Britain joined it found itself a party to a complex web of trade, aid and cooperation agreements contracted by the EEC. Since Britain's accession they have been extended to emorace most "new Commoncountries.

There are some two dozen of them, for example, in the Lome Convention, which briligs trade and aid concessions and a measure of income stabilization on exports to almost 50 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. India has benefited from separate agreement with the

In an interesting reversal of the tide of history, Britain has been brought back into closer touch with the Mediterranean countries through the EEC's Mediterranean policy. It is basically an attempt to bring some order into the EEC's trade with the Mediterranean Arab countries, balanced by an equivalent agreement with Israel, and overlaps with the so far tentative "Euro-Arab

Contact with the Meditorranean will become a good deal more intimate if Greece, with whose government entry negotiations began last year, Portual, Spain and perhaps even Turkey eventually join the EEC as full members. If the EEC does prove to be a bastion of democracy in those countries, and can promote rather than inhibit the growth of their tander economies. of their tender economies Britain could find itself part of

an important development.
Many of those new relationships are already taken for granted. The more visible development has happened outside the confines of the Treaty of Rome, in the field of foreign policy cooperation, known in Brussels jargon as Sough apt savely was political cooperation. That started in 1970, has been developed a much maturer started in 1970, has been developed a ship wish Britain, with oping fast since Britain joined,

in the present Labour Govern-

It involves at least four meetings a year between the foreign ministers of the Nine, to discuss cooperation over relations with such areas as southern Africa, the Middle East or East Europe. Officials from deputy under-secretary level down to regional specialists meet at verying intervals in the capital of the member state holding the presidency of the council of ministers, at

The aim is to achieve a con mon policy where possible and at worst to avoid damaging the national interests of one's partners. The happiest example of British policy being sub-sumed with a common EEC policy was the 1975 conference on security and cooperation in Europe (CSCE). The Nine set rogether in the negotiations as Geneva and Helsinki, spoke as one, and consequently made considerable impact. A specifi-cally British policy scarcely existed, although British had a large hand in shaping the

Nine's policy.

At the last session of the United Nations General Assembly the Nine voted together on 82 per cent of all resolutions, and the Presidency spoke on their behalf on 50 occasions. On an issue of common con-cern like Cyprus, British policy coexists with a broad EEC posicion.

In the capitals of nonmember states there is an in creasing measure of consultation among diplomats of the Nine, and sometimes even of collective reporting on some aspects of the host country, like the future of the Chinese

There have been setbacks particularly in semi-economic semi-political fields like energy World. But by and large EEC membership has added a new depth, and in some areas a new weight and intensity, to Britain's external relations at a time when they have threatened by economic difficulties and a poor internation-



Gunman held at Mobutu welcome

Jan 17.—Belgian security police, sent to protect President Mobutu Sese Seko of leapt on an African who drew a sub-machine gun, seconds be-fore the President drove past. Three hours later the African was released. The Zaire Embassy had assure the police that he was a member of the Presi-

dent's own bodyguard.

Dressed in plain clothes, he was standing among a crowd of Africans, who were allowed on the tarmac to see King Baudouin welcome President Mobutu and his wife on an drew the gun

while the crowd dance dand chanted "long live Belgian-Zaire friendship" he suddenly

Woman buried

rescued by dog

Chamonix, Jan 17.—A rescue dog today found a woman alive

after she had been buried by

an avalanche for two and a

half hours on the Col des Montets near here.

The woman, named as Mme Dupont of Paris, had a tem-perature of only 30°C (86°F)

idmitted to Chamonix hospital

been on snowshoes in an area

closed to traffic when the

band freed himself and

She and her husband had

in avalanche

then rescued.

for help.-AP.

The Belgian Foreign Ministry later stated laconically that while it was customary for an Zaire at Brussels airport today, official security guard to carry a revolver, a sub-machine gun was "most unusual".

Belgian security services said that they had not been in-formed that official Zaire security men would be on duty at the airport. However, the Zuire Embassy said that a list of Zaire security men had been handed to the Belgian authorities well in advance of the visit.

They had arrived in Brussels a week ago.

Belgian officials were mable

to say how the African managed to penetrate the airport security posts with a concealed sub-

attempts at home, appeared not to notice the scuffle as the column of cars sped past on its way to a royal luncheon.

will have talks with Mr Leo

Tindemans , the Prime Minister, on Zaire's international debtsestimated to amount to \$350m to \$400m (£200m to £230m) —and Belgian efforts to help the Zaire economy, notably its outmoded railways and shipping President Mobutu seized power in 1960 soon aiter Bel gium granted independence to Zaire, formerly the Belgian Congo. He stepped down the

next year in favour of a civiposts with a concealed sub-machine gun.

The President, who has surAgence France-Presse.

Communist printers call Paris press strike

The printers' union affiliated to the communist-led CGT, has decided to call another 24-hour strike in Patis on Wednesday. They are protesting against the deadlock in negotiations negotiations between their representatives and M Mortin, the government mediator, in the affairs of Le Parisien Libéré, and the sen-

tencing on Friday of 12 printers for destroying copies of the As a result, there will be no newspapers in Paris on Wed-

Libéré itself which is printed outside Paris by non-CGT union members. It will be the fifth stoppage in the Paris press in 12 months.

In a statement today, the union claims that the proposals made by M Mouin to end the two-year conflict over the introduction of new technology and the laying off of redundant staff deliberately ignored the legitimate rights of the workers of the newspaper.
The solution he proposed in

volved acceptance nesday, except for Le Parisien employer's standpoint.

Four Nato countries check arms contract

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 17

Denmark, Holland, Norway and Belgium, the four European Nato countries which agreed in principle in June, 1975, to buy the American F-15 fighter aircraft, decided today to seek further elucidation of the co-production terms being offered the United States before by the United States perore finally approving the contract. Mr Orla Moeller, the Danish Defence Minister, who called the meeting, told journalists that his Government was not contemplating a cancellation of what has been described as the "arms deal of the century". No such suggestion had been made to his three European

"The meeting was called on my initiative simply to get the remaining problems cleared up", he said. It had been the general wish of the four poten-tial European purchasers of the F-16 to clarify their position before pursuing the matter further with General Dynamics,

Mr Moeller said it was hoped that all the parties would be

ready to sign the final contract by the end of March, but it might take longer.

According to Mr Moeller and other Danish officials, the original agreement envisaged that 58 per cent of the procurement costs of the 350 F-16s to

be supplied to European air forces would be offset by orders for component parts placed with European manufac-This agreement, however, was dependent on the final price of the F-16 being kept within a ceiling of \$6.09m (£3.58m). Apparently the

Americans now estimate that maintenance of the 58 per cent coproduction ratio would raise the price of the aircraft above this level because of sharp increases in production costs in Europe.
This calculation is challenged

by the four European countries. Politically, they need to retain substantial coproduction share to appease domestic opposition groups which favoured a European rather than an American replacement for the aging generation of Starfighter aircraft.

Italian leader has financial talks in Bonn From Our Own Correspondent

Sona, Jan 17 ·Signor Andreorti, the Italian Prime Minister, arrived in Boan today to seek West German support for his country's efforts to solve its chronic economic

In his two scheduled meetings with Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, he was expected to ask for help in obtaining credits for Italy from the European Community and the Inter-

national Monetary Fund. Other topics on the agenda include the international economic position, the "north-south dialogue" between industrial states and the developing world, the role of the European Community in the Mediterranean region. Nato and East-West

Signor Andreomi returns to Rome on Wednesday.

WHO to make **363** of its staff redundant From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Jan 17 Proposals involving the loss of 363 jobs in the World Health Organization (WHO)—313 of them at headquarters here and 50 at regional offices—have been approved by the executive board. The organization cur-rently employs almost 5,000 people: 1,500 in Geneva and rest at the six regional offices and in the field.

The staff reduction is a result

of reorganization in compliance with the decision by last year's World Health assembly that by 1980 the WHO must allocate 60 per cent of its regular budget to technical cooperation in health matters:

The cuts and other economie will enable \$12,900,000 will enable \$12,900,000 , (£7,600,000) to be diverted to additional programmes for developing countries.

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Correspondent

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lindependent Schools ommittee, set up in 1974. sents more than a thou-Plan in perpaying schools.

Belstead, chairman of Staff "Mismittee and a former education minister, said ore appropriate than selection because of the

economic restraints. independent schools right not only to exist.
flourish and to make contribution to the Sir Desmond Lee, former

Headmaster of Winchester College and chairman of the sub-committee that drafted the committee that drafted the schools to serve on their gov-policy statement, referred to a erning bodies. letter in The Times on Satur. Mr Roger Young, Principal day suggesting sixth-form of George Watson's College, day suggesting sixth-form centres in London. He said arrangements might be made for an independent school to serve as a sixth-form centre. The statement said independent schools had a wide range

of sixth forms, which served a fifth of the sixth-form pupils in the country. They could provide for the rarer subjects. "Few districts need more than one reacher of Russian, and there, are still, shortages, in physics and mathematics. Co-operation, would enable sixthform resources to be more widely shared and could well

be a starting point for wider cooperation." The document said head teachers and staff in private schools should establish contact with their colleagues in main-

ready to serve on local councils and on the governing bodies of state schools. They should invite teachers in maintained

schools supported the assisted tral and local governments would take up places at inde-pendent schools on a wide geographic basis.

religious education. They had helped to develop the curri-culum and many of them were smaller schools at a time when to be small in education was becoming recognized as being

beautiful.

The Place of the Independent
Schools (Independent Schools Information Service, 47 Victoria
Street, London, SWIH 0EQ, 15p,
plus postage).

the prosecution, said that after the couple had taken over run-

ning the home in 1972 allega-

residents losing money and other property. "Reluctantly, and at a late stage, Mr Allen did call in the police", he said.

A trap was set with a hand-bag marked with dye, but, counsel said, Mr Allen went turough the rigmarole to allay suspicion, knowing that neither ne nor his wife was going to

The policy statement said that the independent schools proplaces; they offered single-sex schools and an emphasis on

l to ease Water-rate Way

and Baily - nexpected call for a rein rail safety standards

technology and of Transport, last

ouldy old derable economies could be on lines not forming the trunk network, he dif rural branch lines survive a review of procedures was an

essing the Institution of

ical Engineers in Lon-Colonel McNaughton ized that he was not mg a significant of safety standards on ways, which would be table to public opinion. ing safety on the railan accident rate 10 agher than at present, z or seven significant cidents every day, and two every year as Moorgate in 1975,

2 people died. Britain's railways, be d been getting steadily recent years and with it one significant train to every million train-it may be argued that of safery on the rail-bigher than can be economically ".

mies could be achieved il lines by converting track to single track, greater use of teleand radio telephones ... libog controls, and open s with automatic flashis to warn road traffic. of traditional must however, be

out with the greatest lone! McNaughton said el McNaughton said old four-wheel freight res still a serious hazard used nearly two-thirds milicant train accidents. radual elimination was the main sources of

Couple accused of thefts from old people in home

From Our Correspondent

From Our Correspondent
Norwich
A husband and wife who ran
a county council old people's
home stole money and property
over a four-year period from
feeble, infirm and often confused people in their care, it
was alleged at Norwich Crown
Court yesterday.
Joseph Allen, aged 48, formerly superintendent of the
home, also took money from
the comfort fund, which was for
buying luxuries for the 40
people at Westfields, Swaffham,
Norfolk, it was stated. His wife,
Betty, aged 45, the former
matron, is dileged to have stolen
two handbags containing 59
from one of the residents.
Mr Allen, of Swanton Drive,

Parents had been

ably quite severely intoxicated, Mr Harold Hewitt, the South Durham Coroner, said yester-

day,
Mr Kenneth Kitching, aged
45, and his wife, Florence, aged
43, died when fire swept
through their home in Glipin

Road, Newton Aycliffe, near

Darlington, nine days ago.

Two of their children, Gail, aged 10, and Ian, aged six, and Mrs Maud Walker, aged 68, the

children's grandmother, also died. Two other children, David, aged 13, and Stephen, aged 12,

The court was told that Mrs
Kitching had a blood-alcohol
count of 317 milligrams and
her husband's was 209. The

coroner recorded verdicts of accidental death.

He said: "The probable cause of the fire is an acci-

dentally dropped light. It is highly likely that both of them

were quite severely intoxicated and so would not be as careful as they might otherwise have been in other circumstances."

Mr Bernard Mirfin, a fire-prevention officer, said the fire

jumped to safety

drinking before

fatal blaze

Dereham, pleaded not guilty to seven theft charges and one of dishonestly handling stolen money. His wife denied 13 theft charges. Mr Michael Lewis, QC, for

Crew escape in bomber crash

touch the handbag.

The trial continues today.

. The crew of five of an RAF Vulcan bomber parachuted to safety just before the aircraft, from RAF Waddington, Lincoln A couple who died in a fire at their home with three mem-bers of their family were probshire, crashed yesterday. Wreckage covered a wide area of open country around Halton Hole-gate, 10 miles from Skegness.

The crash caused several rested in hospital for minor injuries.

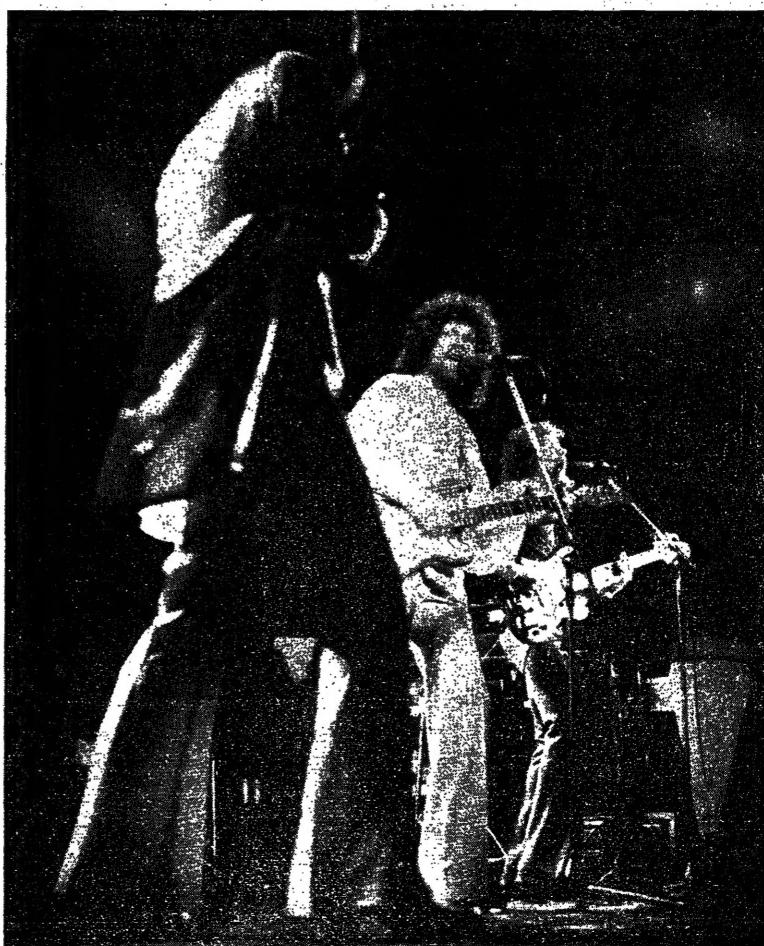
Pensioner jailed over rate arrears

Magistrates at Stockport Greater Manchester, yesterday sent Mrs Elsie Carrick, aged 63, a pensioner, to prison for two months for not paying her rates, after doing the same to a man of 73 last week over his

The prosecutions are part o a campaign by the council to deal with defaulters.

Second diver found

The body of Corporal Christo pher Dunworth, aged 28, the second of the Royal Marine divers from Poole, Dorset, who died during an exercise in Loch Long, Strathclyde, was started on a settee downstairs. | covered yesterday.



How does the Electric Light Orchestra sound without the electric?

The British Music Industry earns this country roughly £40,000,000 in exports each year. Without electricity, this wouldn't happen.

Just think. No electricity. No recording studios. No great classical records. No tapes. (Goodbye to exports worth £17,000,000.) No electronic music. No Moog Synthesisers. No electric guitars. No

electric pianos. No electric organs. No pop. No Electric Light Orchestra. No Music Industry. The Beatles wouldn't have produced the

same sound without electricity, and look how they

Exports are this country's life blood.

Electricity helps generate them.

exported in the Sixties. --

The Electricity Council, England and Wales.

OVERSEAS_

\$12,200m

increase in

budget

US defence

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 16

The American defence budget for 1977-78, published today, shows an increase of \$12,200m (£7,175m) over the current year.

Most of this is to be spent on new weapons, notably the Bl bomber and the Trident submarine. There is also a large increase, from \$10,600m to \$12,100m in research and development.

The budget is based on the

assumption that negotiations with the Soviet Union for a new

strategic arms limitation (Salt) agreement will succeed or, at least, the Salt-I accord, which expires in October, will be extended.

For the 12 months from last October, the defence budget amounts to \$100,100m. For the

12 months from next October.

Mr Harold Brown, who will-become Secretary of Defence when Mr Carter takes office on Thursday, will obviously re-examine the 1978 budget, hop-ing to find items which can be cut. He will also have to take a decision on the B1 this

It is not to be expected, how

ever, that the Carter Adminis-

tration will set its mark on such intractable matters as the

size of the budget for a year

The most expensive items are

The most expensive items are the Trident submarines and their missiles. One was begun in 1976, a second will be started this year and two more in 1976. Together with their missiles, they will cost \$2,818m this year

President Ford has assumed

and \$3,469m in 1978.

it totals \$112,300m.

Paris, Jan 17

With a lofriness of mue strongly reminiscent of General de Gaulle, President Giscard d'Estaing told a press confer-ence at the Elysée Palace today that foreign policy would not be decided by the international

He said the "campaign of release of Mr Abu Daoud, the Palestinian leader, showed that some countries do not accept the independent policy of

France and her people have lessons to receive from no one, and I call on those who wish to be her friends to abstain from giving us any", he went on. He had only one thing to add to the Prime Minister's outline of the case. The German Charge the case: The German Charge d'Affaires in Paris had told the Quai d'Orsay last Monday that he had no information on his Government's stand on the matter, and did not volunteer any after being urged to refer back and obtain some.

The President went out of way to assure the families victims of the 1972 massacre that France was not indifferent to their fate. Eut Israel's extradition demand was not receivable in French law; and those families who law; and those tamnes was had suffered from arbitrary justice in the past "must under-stand that we had to respect French laws where they were

The President said he had called his press conference to clarify the economic and political developments of the past year, which had fostered doubt in public opinion and drawn it into a "depressive spiral" that must be broken. And he showed the same resolution and firmness in dealing with criticism of his conduct of policy, of his relations with the Prime Mini-ster, and of the divisions of the government majority.
This question of his firmness, he said, was misleading. "Since

W German

exhibition

East Berlin

For the first time since the

establishment of the two Cer-man states a West German

exhibition opened in Fast

Berlin today.

It is a display of 170 scientific and technical photographs.

Advertisements in East Berlin

list the exhibition, but do not

There is no cultural agree-

ment between the two German states yet. One obstacle has

een the East German claim that art treasures once belong-

Eighteen West Berliners and

at checkpoints into East Berlin and East Germany last week-end. All had valid passes. Most of them had lived in East

mention its origin.

opens in

Berlin, Jan 17

that decisions are applied, and the pressure of private interests and disorder do not weigh down on national life. I consider that an old and civilized country like ours must practice firm-ness, but without loud bombast, without declamation, without

He had been elected Presi-He had been elected President for seven years and would carry on his mandate to its conclusion. "Whatever the circumstances of the moment, I shall be the guardian of the institutions and the protector of Frenchmen's liberues", he realied in anywar to a question of Frenchmen's liberues", he replied in answer to a question as to what would happen if the left came to power.

The President said he had been elected on a definite programme. He could not be silent about the hig issues with which become the could not be silent about the hig issues with which become forced and and the reservers forced and and the reservers forced and

Frenchmen were faced and, in particular, he must indicate what was the right choice for France, and would do so.

France, and would do so.

Turning to the government majority and elections, M Giscard d'Estaing said these would be held next year at the appointed time; and the campaign would be conducted by the Prime Minister, M Barre, who was carrying out the task of restoring the economy with courage and conviction.

Since his election as President

Since his election as President in 1974, the Government majorin 1974, the Government majority had become pluralist in character, and it would have to remain so if it wanted to win the elections next year. There must be no uniformity, but understanding within the majority. Each of the parties in it must assert its personality, put forward proposals, and obtain the support of that part of the electorate which shared its views. It was his only reference to the hint by M Chirac, the former Prime Minister, that the new Gaullist movement might

become the whole majority.

The majority, he said, was united on its programme and its policy. Its organization alone gave the impression of disunity and must be improved. The left

Fourth attempt at

Milan bomb trial

was united in organization, but profoundly divided on policy.

In the first part of his press conference, M Giscard d'Estaing emphasized that it was necessary not to modify or complete the anti-inflation plan, but to apply it. Some indications showed that the government was on the right track.

The results of the plan could be judged only in the middle of this year. It was "not a sprint, but a long distance race". The struggle against inflation and unemployment were the same struggle.

He reasserted his strong opposition to the introduction of political debate in industrial firms (an objective of Com-munists and Socialists), be-cause it weakened firms and would make it impossible to would make it impossible to introduce workers' consultation in management. But there was no question, as the left had suggested, of depriving the wor-kers of their political rights, or preventing them from joining parties.

Left-wing comment on the Press conference is inevitably negative. The Socialist Party considers the President easily accepted the fact that there were more than one million unemployed in France. It said employed in France. It said that to describe the government majority as "pluralist" was an europement. M. Giscard d'Estaing had not once mentioned the name of M Chirac, which was not a way of clarifying things, it claimed.

Bonn, Jan 17.—The West German Foreign Ministry today repeated its view that "interpretation difficulties" over a French-German extradition agreement were to blame for the French release of Mr

Abu Daoud.
A spokesman said the Frenci President's description of desires between the French and German authorities that preceded the release was substantially correct and did not go beyond what was already go beyond

that a favourable decision will be taken, and set aside \$1,555m in the 1977 budget and 2,153m in the 1978 budget to build another eight. Of the 12 per cent budget increase, the Defence Department calculates that inflation will account for 6.4 per cent. This is the second consecutive year in which defence spending will have increased in real terms, after a period of steady decline

expenditure in Vietnam. The proportion of the gross national product remains constant at 5.4 per cent. The Pentagon prefers to leave Vietnam out of its calculations because it asserts that its mission now is to prepare for a war, not to fight one, and that apending in Vietnam seriously reduced its ability to do this.

since the early 1960s, excluding

Gary Gilmore: An articulate man but completely ruthless.

Killer who fought for execution

and \$3,469m in 1978.

The B1 bomber might cost still more, if it is finally approved it is ready to go into production now, and the Pentagon, with congressional approval, has ordered three of them. Continued from page 1

in the United States had under-gone the death penalty since June 1967. Opposents of the death

penalty, such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, made strenuous efforts to prevent it for that reason. They were afraid that it would open the floodgates in the 350 people now under sentence of death across the nation.

A second execution is indeed due to take place on Wednes-

day in Huntsville, Texas. There Jerry Lane Jurek, convicted of killing a 10-year-old child in 1973, is due to go to the electric chair. But opponents of the death

penalty received no assistance at all from Mr Gilmore, who consistently abused them for their efforts to prevent his execution. A man of 36, who pending in Vietnam seriously had already soem about 18 years of his life in various prisons, he announced that he

wanted to die and that he refused to appeal against his con-viction and sentence.

Mr Gilmore had been found guilty of murdering a clerk in a motel in Provo, Urah, last July 20. He was also charged with murdering a service with murdering a service Ursa, the previous day, but that case never went to trial.

Seatence was passed, at the end of a three-day trial, on October 7. The jury sentenced nim to death, and the judge set an execution date of November 15. Mr Gilmore, who was given the right by Utah law of choosing between a firing squad and hanging, chose the firing squad.

Mr Gilmore himself was exasperated by the delays, and twice tried to commit suicide by taking drugs; on each occasion ne was moved to hospital for emergency treatment. On the first occasion. Mrs Nicole Barren, a woman friend of his; also tried to commit suicide, but was found in time.

Mr. Gilmore was a highly articulate man, and several of his letters to Mrs Barrett have been published. They show a man who was completely ruth-less about killing others, butpossibly as a result of a dis-turbed childhood—had a strong desire for death himself and

Mr Carter's nominee as CIA chief quits

Washington, Jan 17

Mr Theodore Sorensen withdrew this morning as of the Director-designate of the Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA).

He made his startling announcement at the end of a statement to the Senate select committee on intelligence committee on intelligence which was beginning hearings

which was beginning hearings into his nomination.

This is the first serious setback to Mr. Jimmy Carter since he was elected President. Mr. Sorensen, who was White House counsel to President Kennedy and one of his closest friends, amounced his supportfor Mr. Carter in 1975 long before he was taken seriously. before he was taken seriously as a possible president, and was rewarded with nomination to one of the most important positions in the Government.

The President-elect issued a statement yesterday, when Mr Sorensen was under serious attack, reaffirming his conviction that he would make a good Director of the CIA. The statement suggested, however, that the nomination might be

allowed to make his statement, members of the Senate committee gave their own views of the nomination and it was clear that most of them had clear that most of them had serious reservations. Mr Sorenserious reservations. Mr Soren-serious opened with a pugnacious defence of his record and opinions, showing scant respect for the assembled senators and great hostility to those who had attacked him through the

newspapers.

He defended himself against the charges levelled against him, calling them "scurrilous and unfounded attacks, largely on an anonymous basis." Then he deserted his hombel! he dropped his bombshell. It is clear that to continue

fighting for this post, which would be my natural incli-nation, would only bandicap the new administration if I were rejected, or handicap my effectiveness as Director if I am confirmed. It is therefore with deep regret that I am asking Governor Carter to withdraw my designation as Director of Central Intelligence."

Mr Sorensen had accused of taking classified documents with him when he left the White House in 1964 to write a book, and then claiming a large tax deduction when he presented the papers to the Kennedy library at Har-

He said this morning that everything he did was per-fectly legal, that the papers were his and that he had never been accused of revealing any state secrets. "Indeed", he said. "I have something of a reputation for keeping sec-

He had also been reproached for being a conscientious Carter when the anno-objector. He pointed out that ment of his proposed nev-his request to be assigned to a was made last month.

Los Augeles, Jan 17.-Two.

young Americans bave been

arrested on charges of plotting

with a Sovier Embassy official

in Mexico City to hand over

Investigation said less night that one of them, Mr Christo-pher John Boyce, who was

arrested in Los Angeles yester-

day, would be formally charged

The other man, Mr Andrew

Dalton Lee, was arrested in Mexico Cirv on January 6. He is being held by the Mexican

authorities awaiting extradition.

worked as a security clerk for TRW Corporation, a United States Defence Department con-

The Federal Boreau

secrets to the Russians.

Two Americans held as

Soviet spy suspects

"Non-combat role" in Army when he was calle at the age of 18 in 1946 largely symbolic be America was at peace a

time. he objected to using force self, while insisting the self, while insisting the would never hesitate to others to do so if it we

the national interest.

"Far more than any juite", he said, "I value good name. I deeply this reckless scartering of personal accusad order to suppress a dif point of view." He suggested that he

under attack because he an outsider, without per experience of intelligence. He pointed out that a mission on government o sion, had recommended thee Director of Central I gence should always be a sider, and urged the come to examine the possibility fully, whatever happens

tee raised echoes of the toric of John F. Ker much of it written by Sorensen. "I did not see lightly accept this a ment", he said, "but I c intend to be intimidate those who wish to strike or my policies, or throug at Governor Carter, by sonal attacks on my int and probity, grossly dist ing my words.

"I prize both my co and my bonour too great desert this post, and d the prejudgments all voiced by some membe the committee before I been heard, I am her of this committee." he had discussed the r with President-elect



Mr Sorensen with Mr J. Carter when the anno-

The fourth and possibly decisive attempt or closing the greatest judicial scandal in greatest judicial scandal in Italy since the war begins to-morrow with bearings before the Catanzaro assizes involving three groups of defendants on charges arising from the deaths in December 1969 of 16 people after a bomb explosion in a Milan bank.

From Peter Nichols

Rome-Tan 17

The explosion marked the opening of what became known: arrempts to sow confusion and fear in the minds of the public for political aims. The strategy is usually blamed on the expression and authoritarian type of an authoritarian type of an officer who served under government.

It failed because the general . Within these three minutes are continued an officer who served under him.

now in West Berlin, should be turned over to East Germany. Included in the demand are the famous bust of Nefertiti It failed because the general ... Within these three groups, public refused to be thrown off course by this and leter placed the bombs in the bank terrorist outrages. But the great stand, against four anarchists, failure was that of the judicial three of the right-wing group system itself, which has so far (of whom one claims to be a been unable to bring the various socialist) and against the groups accused of the bombing journalist in the Secret Service to a full trial. Consequently, it group, that failed to throw light on it is thought that the inspirers of what is widely cedural preliminaries may well taken to have been a subversive take a fortuight, before the attack on democratic institutions.

Of the 33 accused, only one rupted, could last a year. and the Rembrandt painting "Man with a Golden Helmet". The East German claim has West Germans were turned back by East German officials Germany before moving legally to the West.

is in prison. Three are in hiding and the others either face lesser charges not felt to warrant imprisonment, or have made use of a law approved specifically to permit the free-ing of anarchists after further evidence drove the investigators. evidence drove the investigators to seek suspects on the extreme right instead of the left.

As a result, the judiciary found that it had two groups to try both accused of the same outrage but of opposed political Externand.

A third group is headed by a journalist of the extreme

Dissidents in Czechoslovakia appeal for Western political support

Bonn, Jan 17 Czechoslovakia's dissident in and a former Chancellor, in tallectuals support in the West as the Frague authorities continued their effects to crush the new human rights campaign.

West German Social Democrat Chancellor, in tallectuals support in the West Socialist leader, Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Social Democrat Chancellor, and Mr Olof Palme, the former Swedish Social Democrat Prime Minister.

paign.

The call came in an open letter signed by Dr Zedenek Misnar, who, was secretary of the central committee of the Committee o ettempt to humanize commu-

Dr Mlynar is one of 242 sig-actories of the Charter 77 manifesto whose publication in the West Earlier this month opened the civil rights protest The letter asks Western political leaders not to leave the campaigners in the lurch.
Otherwise, for the second time
in 10 years, the defenders of
civil rights in Czechoslovakia "will be brutally silenced as troublemakers and parasites".

Dr. Mlynar asks democratic, socialist and communist parties

and governments to use their rats, socialists and com-unists in Czechoslovakia are badgered to death and the arrigance of power stages fur-ther illegal political trials on trumped-up charges.

Special targets in this mov-Special targets in this moving and strongly-worded appeal for help are the Communist Party leaders of Italy, France and Spain—Signor Enrico Berlinguer, M Georges Marchais, and Señor Santiago Carrillo. Also named are Herr Willy Brandt, Chairman of the Socialist . International and of the West German Social Democrats

Dr Mlynar confirmed that the official counter-campaign timized unabated and arrounted

socialism must give people more political and civil rights European communist parties represent today and behave accordingly. For this I am publicly branded as a traitor to socialism and an agent of im-perialism."

The lengthy letter ends with the words: "Help, so that the understanding which triumph-ed over the arrogence of power hy Helsinki in 1975 also- triumphs in Prague in 1977"

Meanwhile, the arrests and interrogetions continue. They are now thought to have affected more than 100 of the manifesto's signatories. At least four people are believed to be in prison, in addition to those constantly rearrested and released over

the past two weeks. The Czechoslovak authorities today formally announced four arrests on charges "of serious criminal activities directed against the foundations of the republic", AP re-arts from Prague. hree of those arrested were

identified only by their initials -V.H., J.L. and F.P. The official CTK news agency named the fourth man as. Otto Orcest, believed to prominent Prague director.

Professor Patocka. spokesman for Charter 77, said the initials obviously corre-sponded to those of Mr Vaclay Havel, the playwright, Air Jiri Lederer, the journalist, and Mr Frantisek Pavpicek, the writer-

to "# state-organized production director.]

"How a Communist", he has not been able to read a word of the manifesto because the carry press has not pub-lished it, "spontaneous" promore political and civil rights lished it, "spontaneous" protain capitalism. I thus share tests against it continue to the conviction which many pour in from all over the European communist parties country. They come from represent today and behave works councils in factories, readers' councils to newspapers and even from sports clubs. Ignorance of the manifesto's content has not served to limit

" protests ". There are grounds for con-cero over the welfare of the country's best-known play-wright, Mr Pavel Kohout, who gave an interview to The Times last week as the secret police were hammering on his

Later last week, the authoriries publicly announced that the yad cut off his telaphone. Now it has become known that Mr Robout and his wife have been ordered to vacate their Preque flet and move to an

address so fer untraced.

I entempted repeatedly to contact Dr Mlynar and others by telephone today, but this served only to increase my ex-pertise in all the nuances and variations of the Czechoslovak

tractor, where he had top-security clearance and access to highly classified intelli-gence communications, documents and hardware, Mr Lee, who is 25 had three rolls of microfilm classified as top secret when he was acrested, the FBI said. Both men could face death sentences if convicted.

The two men are accused of conspiring with Mr Boris Grishin, a science attache at the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. According to the FBI statement, Mr Boyce had agreed to get information from TRW and give it to. Mr Lee, who would then establish contect with the

The alleged consniracy began in June, 1975 when Mr Lee is said by the FBI to have given the Soviet Embassy secret documents he had received from Mr Boyce.

Mr Lee is accused of ba-Russians and being give pseudonym for use in fu meetings. At another me in September, 1975, he reck \$2,000, the FBI said.

It added that two me later Mr Lee had met ! Russians in Vienna, when was given a list of items wanted. These included dat rocket construction.

The complaint filed ag met his Soviet contact in M City four times in 1976. At The FBI said that Mr Boyce, a University of California student who is 23, had once

meeting be had been (\$3,500 and then a tora \$10,000 at two other meet Last November, according the FBI, Mr Boyce and Mr met in Los Angeles when Lee photographed documenthar Mr Boyce had given later he developed the r graphs at his home in sout California: These were to been given to the Soviet in Mexico City.

It was the third est case to be announced

FEI in the past month. On January 7, it reported arrest in New Jersey of Ivan Rogalsky, a Russian I grant, aged 34, who was cha with conspiring to pass U States space secrets to Soviet Union through a S

On December 22, Mr E Moore, aged 54, and a fo Central Intelligence Ag employee, was arrested in Vington and charged attempting to sell secrets vingtons. The FBI later \$ through piles of classified ments it said had been to at his home. Reuter.

Nkomo rejection | Taiwan seeks of latest British plan

Accra, Jan 17.—Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Rhodesian African leader, said today he had rejected the latest independence proposals put forward by Mr Ivor Richard, British chairman of the adjacenced Pholesia. of the adjourned Rhodesia conerence, the Chana news agency

recorted.
"We would be betraying our cause and our people if we accept the plan as it is", Mr Nkomo told reporters before leaving Accra for Cairo. According to the agency, he eave no details of the latest British proposals. He said that the guerrilla war would be stepped up if the Geneva talks did not lead to an early agreement.

In Manuto two leading Rhodesian African nationalists indicated they were unwilling to meet Mr Richard again unless he could produce written proposals for Rhodesia's future:

Spanish fort from Britain From Our Correspondent

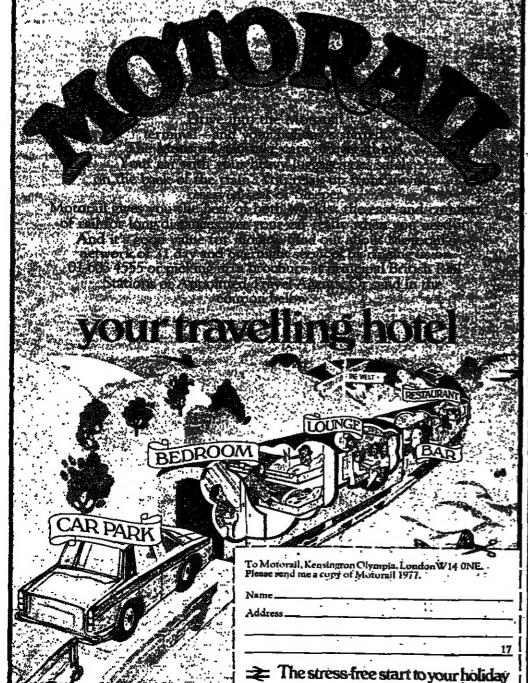
Hongkong, Jan 17
The fate of the old Fort
Demingo in Taiwan, which
leased to the British Go ment in perpetuity in 186 under consideration. Chinese Nationalists are Pected to open discussions Whitehall on its takeover. Built by Spain in 1628 site overlooking the approach to Tainei, the later fell to the Dutch but liberated with the rest of island by General Cheng Ch kung in 1661.

kung in 1661.

The fort, with 10ft thick is and still guarded by five toon, cast in the summer of eighteenth year of Emp Chia Ching (1813), is population as Hung Mao Cl (Fort of the Red-Hapeople).

People).

Behind it stands the for residence of the British cou



Soviet police act to stop

art exhibition Moscow, Jan 17.—Oskar Rabin, a leading non-conformist artist in Moscow, said today that he had been detained by that he had been detained by the police last night to prevent him from attending an unoffi-cial exhibition in the flat of an art collector in Levingrad. He said other painters who had travelled to Leningrad overnight for the show were picked up by the police on arrival and sent back to Mos-cow.

Leningrad police were reported by the organizers of the exhibition to have questioned local participants and warned them that the show was both illegal and anti-Soviet. It was to coincide with the opening in London tomorrow or the Institute of Concemporary Aris of an exhibition of non-conformist Soviet painting, including works by Mr Rabin.—Renter.

Malaysian-Thai forces fail to find guerrillas

During the night the troops had bombarded suspected guerrilla positions in mountains some 12 miles from the Thai-Malaysian border.

That officials refused to say syartly where the troops were

cracity where the troops were or how far they had marched, but expressed suisfaction with progress in the joint drive, involving about 4,000 men,

The operation follows a joint Malaysian and Thai decision to mount coordinated attacks on an estimated 3,000 guerrillas of the outlawed Communist Party of Malaya who are using

Sadao, Thailand, Jan 17.—
Malaysian and Thai troops today advanced deeper into dense border jungle as their joint operation against communist guernilas entered its fourth day, inificary sources here said.

Insurgents calling themselves Red Siam are reported to have five training bases in Cambodia from where they infiltrate into the Thai provinces of Buriram and Surin.

According to an authoritative Thai source who is in charge

That source who is in charge of security questions in Surin, 340 miles north-east of Bangkok, at least four of these camps have been discovered at Samrong, Royleng, Anlung Veng-and Chao Khsan, between 25 and 65 miles from the Thai

That police suppressed rioting inside the Sikhiu Vietnamese refugee camp in north-east Thai-land last week and dozens of: inmates were injured, Provin-cial officials said about 15 people were injured in the riot. ing, which they described as a dispute between camp factions.

-Reuter, Agence France-Presse and AP. jungles of southern Thailand as مُكذا من الأصل

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only surviving organizer original Bandung con-of 1955, which con-the idea of the group of gned countries, President mives with his wife on lay in Aswan for talks le Egyptian President on ith the Soviet Union. Yugoslay President has inpressed his belief that e hoping that his status rent round of meetings 1 Arab leaders who want ment of the Palestinian p this year.

new Esyptian weekly loss to October, which subincresident Sadat (who inly helved to pay for the
printing presses) this
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indent Tim, surrounded Fogrants of the non-founding fathers : Presito, Nasser and Nehru. Aswan talks, however, 'so reveal the current Report's relations with iet Union. Although the ns are now laving emiu a Middle East settle-

t is interesting to note en the meeting was first ced lest month it was beingrift es à discussion votian-Soviet friendship than on the preparations eneva conference. new be some hint, for

his aging Soviet-built tanks which are still guarding the desert around the Suez canal. In Cairo, the Egyptian Presi dent is still receiving political accolades for his recent diplomatic performance in repairing relations with Syris and surporting Syria's activities in Lebanon. The latest of these compliments came from Mr Charles Helou, the former Leb-anese President who has

anese President who has strived in Egypt for talks with Mr Sadat. The new peace in Beirm, Mr. Helou was quoted as saving, was "due to the efforts of President Sadat and other Arab

Be that as it may, the Egypt ians are still presenting a bel-ligerent face where they feel it is hecessary. An artillery but-talion of the Egyptian Army spent some time yesterday firing large quantities of live shells down a firing range east of Cairo for the benefit of Mr Abdul Gamassi, the War Manister

Mr Gemassi announced afterwards that such training was vital "regardless of the cur-rent efforts sined at bringing

about a peaceful settlement in the Middle East area.". There was another more dis-tressing example of the con-tinued Arab saseli suspicion yesterday at the Egyptian central prison where a Palestinian accused of soring for Israel was

led to the gellows.

My Ibrahim Shahin was executed during the evening after baing convicted of esmonage. The Egyptisus claimed he held the rank of lieuxenant-colonel in the Israeli Army. But President Sadat susred

Mr Shahin's wife, who had siso been condemned to death. Mr Sadet decided she should be freed, according to the Cairo press, in order to look after

d'fficulties he faced. But he said that he thought the cir-

cumstances were now more favourable than they had been

in the past, because of the end of the fighting in Lebanon, the greater unity among the Arabs and readiness to negotiate on

the part of Israel. He also gave a warning that if this opportunity should

lost the situation in the Middle

East could become dangerous

and present a threat to inter-

Among the problems he faces is the fact that both the Israeli Labour Party and the

Palestine National Council are

after his visit, which may make

it hard to get firm guidance from them. He admitted this today, but said that a start had

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ster Strefford rk. Jan 17

Kurr Waldheim, the Nations Secretary-nations Secretary-enformed today that id be beginning his tour fields East on February he will arrive in Cairo, hat, he said, he would g to Syria, Lebason, and Israel, in that

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nadian woman ends ian jail fast

Jan 17.—Misa Marie-Leclerc, a Canadian last July during in-ons into an Asian ring, has ended a hun-ike last week after z more than 250 letters he prison authorities ly refused to deliver. egan her hunger strike ary 3, in protest at the ery of hundreds of from Canada. The n High Commission last id it had been informed prison authorities that ad the strike on Janu-out she said today that

ually broke the fast on Leclerc who appeared today for the first time weeks, said the prison ies had promised she court appearance, which the magistrate initial arguments on she should be charged of three French tourists last

One of her Indian lawyers argued that the police had insufficient evidence to warrant her being charged and committed for trial.

A state prosecutor, however, said Miss Leclerc had been implicated in the case by another defendant, an Australian woman, who had agreed to become a wimess for the state. The Australian woman was earlier granted a pardon in exchange for her evidence. The magistrate said he would hear further arguments next Monday before making a

decision. Miss Leclerc appeared in court with two other defend-ants, Charles Sobhrai, a French ants, Charles Sobhrai, a French vietnamese. alleged by the vietnamese. alleged by the police to be the lazder of an Asian murder ring, and Jean and she now was phuisme, a French national also held in the case.

The three also are being held there is no are being held there is no another French and robbing of another French tourist strong last year and the tourist group last year and the murder of a French tourist in another case. Formal charges bave not yet been made in

From David Cross International trade union leaders in Brussels said today they were "yery pleased" with the initial impact of their week long protest campaign against South Africa which opened A spokesman for the Inter-

national Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) said that affiliated unions in most industrialized countries of Western Europe and North America were already partici pating in the campaign or had announced their intentions of taking part at some stage during the week. The ICFTU, which has its headquarters in Brussels has helped to coordinate the campaign, but has left indi-tidual unions free to decide what action they should take. The most active on the industrial front appear to be British and French unions, several of which are supporting trade and communications boycotts. According to information reaching ICFTU headquarters

going well

French postal, metal and trans-port workers have agreed to block mail and other goods going to South Africa. Similar action is also being taken by Canadian, Australian, Dutch and possibly West Ger-man and Belgian dockworkers at ports such as Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg. But the most favoured form

of action appears to consist of poster and leaflet campaigns, as well as rallies and demonstrations organized at both shop floor and the national level. A big rally, organized by West German unions is due to take place in Bonn on Wednesday, for example. · In some countries, too, not

ably Eritain, Norway and Sweden, trade unions are circulating lists of companies with South African subsidiaries so that their members can sak employers what they are doing about black workers and union recognition there.

At a press conference here today, Mr John Vanderveken, assistant general secretary of the ICFTU, said the main air of the protests was to make industrial workers in Europe more aware of the aparthe problem and its impact on black workers in South Africa. "We do not expect Mr. Vorster to chance his country's whole labour system overhight. But we are not going to stop. Our action will go on to build up public opinion against South Africa's policies", he declared. Mr Jacob Nyaose, president of the Geneva-based Federation Africa, gave his full support to the various actions being under taken, by British trade unions in particular. "We are grate-ful and very proud of the sup-port they have shown", he

Our Foreign Staif writes Canadian longshoremen in Vancouver, British Columbia decided yesterday to boycort ships and cargoes from South Africa for a week.

to be made sometime, and he could not wait rutil after the Israeli election, due in May. He successed today that a reconvering of the Genera conference in the spring would be a reasonable guess? In Zambia the congress of In Zambia the congress of trade unions announced a week's boycott of buying or handling South African food. And Chad, which has no official relations with the republic, has stopped any goods or letters coming into its territory from South Africa during the week.

The Postal Telegraph and

The Postal, Telegraph and Telephone international in Geneva appealed to member unions in \$4 countries to join

the protest.
But at Heathrow airport London, a planned boycott of South African flights turned into failure as the first flight from Johannesburg toucked

Loaders and airline staff, members of the Transport and General Workers Union worked normally and were waiting for the South African Airways Boeing 747 20 minutes before it landed

before it landed.

British Airways loaders, who handle South African Airways flights, said they had "no intention" of following the call by Mr Jack Jones, their union leaders, to "impede and harass" services.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in a New York Times News Service report published in The Times on Friday that Lieutenant Victor Belened and witnessed the shooting of a deserter from the Societ Air Force. Lieutenant Belenko, who defected to the United Staces on September 6 only reported to American interrogators that he had heard of such an incident.

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either case.-AP.

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> uktopoulas said: "Polk d by the Greek police ettempt to reverse 1 public sympathy for munist rebels. I am id he had authorized tika tawyers who are

collect the necessary for a retrial. He 'Traces of torture and shocks are still visible rms and legs 29 years ney tried to convince had to sign a false hig-

Mr Xtaktopoulos, who is now that followed in saloniles in the Athens editor of the Saloregory Statropoulos, a nice derly Makedonia, said: "They destroyed my family.
My mother, who had already
lest a son in the war, died shortly after my conviction as a murderer. On of my sisters lost her mind and died last year. Another sister is metally ill. And I still have the traces of two suicide attempts I made while in detention I

had absolutely nothing to do with the Polk affair." Staktopoulos · Mir arrested three months after Mr Polk was found shot and

drowned in the Bay of Salonika in May, 1948, at the height of the Greek civil war.

The police said be had confessed to putting Mr Polk, who wanted to interview the rebell lander. leader General Markos Vafiadis, in touch with two leading communist. They took Mr Polk in a boat, ostensibly to lead him to Markos, but shot him in the head and dumped him in the sea. The trial of Mr Staktopoulos

April, 1949, left many gaps. General William Donovan, the wartime chief of the American Office of Strategic Services, who investigaed the case, produced an inconclusive report The communists claimed that one of the two rebels named by the police as the murderers had been killed in action beefore the Polk murder, the other, Vanghelis Vastanas, who is now living as an expatriate n romania and is seeking to return to Greece, said he and no connex on with the murder and is willing to prove it.

The two rebels were given death sentances in absentia and Mr Staktopoulos was sentenced to life imprisonment. He spent four years in isola-tion in the Salonika security police headquarters. Later he was transferred to a prison. He was released after 12 years.

Hee said: "The time has unge for those responsible for the Polk murder and the injusShadow of guerrilla war forces the pace for a settlement

Success is near for constitutional talks on Namibia takeover by moderate blacks

Johannesburg, Jan 17

With the prospect of in-creased guerrilla warfare alone the northern border of Namihin (South-West Africa), the Turnhalle constitutional conerence in Windhoek tomorrow begins what is expected to be its final session. Delegates from the terri-

tory's 11 main ethnic groups

are participating in the talks' which began in September, 1975, and are aimed at establishing a moderate multi-ethnic government to take over the territory from South Africa. Provided there are no last minute hitches, the conference should be able to agree un a constitution by the middle of next mouth. The South African Parliament would then be able to pass the necessary legisla-tion to establish an interim government with effective constitutional powers during the forthcoming parliamentary ses-sion, which begins on Friday. The South African Govern-

ment, conscious of the growing international pressure for it to

Banks formally

Beirut, Jan 17 (censored) .-

lanks operating in Lebation

formally reopened today after being closed for about 10

months because of fighting in

the country.

The Bankers' Association

decided to reopen after the Lebanese Central Bank prom

ised to provide liquidity facili-

been open for limited opera

tions for several weeks. But the

formal opening means banks

must meet any withdrawals

withour restriction.

There were 74 banks before the outbreak of civil war in

April, 1975.

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in Lebanon

so, that Turnhalle delegates were told by Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, at a meeting in Pretoria rowards the end of last year, that he might impose a constitwion on the territory if the various groups at the con-ference did not end their inter-

minable bickering.

With hopes fading for a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia, the South Africans are anxious to-prevent the territory from either declining into anarchy or falling under the control of the militant South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo). They hope that an interim government would be able to solidate moderate rule and win the population to its side ity forces stationed along the border would continue to keep Swepo at bay.
The South Africans realize

that time is not on their side. Swapp, which is being armed and supplied through Angola, is becoming increasingly effecwithdraw from Namibia, wants tive as a fighting force. At the to see an interim government same time, it has recently

The prospective purchase of British Aircraft Corporation Rapier missiles by Taiwan has

been vetoed by the Government,

Foreign Office sources confirmed yesterday.

An approach had been made to BAC by the Taiwan Government to buy a large number of the ground-to-air. defensive missile systems but on reporting

the interest to the Government.

the company was told not to proceed with the sale.

"We have a long-standing policy not to sell military equip-ment to Taiwan", the Foreign Office source said. Diplomatic

systems, but on reporting

By a Staff Reporter

Government bans sale of

missiles to Taiwan

United Nations and the support of the General Assembly for an armed struggle to achieve selfdetermination and independence in a united Namibia. Swapo regards the Turnhalle conference as a ploy by South Africa to perpetuate its in-fluence in Namibia. It has

rejected suggestions that it should take part in negotia-tions with the Turnhalle delegates, saying that it will only engage in direct talks with the South African Government. South African hopes for a speedy conclusion to the Turn-halle talks rose at the weekend advisers finally agreed on a draft constitution. The draft

draft constitution. The draft will be considered by a conference committee tomorrow. Details of the draft constituknown, but it is understood to involve the establishment of a three-tier government to rule the country until full inde-pendence is achieved at the end of next year. The first tier

pended when Britain established full contact with China in 1972

and the sale of Rapier missiles

would have obvious political repercussions on relations with

Peking.

BAC is also believed to be actively engaged, with its French partners, in negotiations to persuade China to take up

The Ministry of Defence was

more circumspect about its policy on overseas arms sales. We don't talk about arms

sales in the context of indi-vidual countries", the ministry

established in Windhoek as scored a diplomatic coup by nic authorities and the third of A vexed question last year, which at one stage almost led to the collapse of the con-

ference, was the division of government and the central Government and the ethnic authorities. The white delegation wanted to give the ethnic authorities a high degree of autonomy, but this was rejected by most black and brown delegates.

Under the draft constitution the most important and effective powers will be vested in the central Government. The constitution also includes a Bill of Rights to protect minority groups.

Matters which still have to be decided and could possibly delay the conference's progress include the question of land ownership and the timing and national assembly.

The conference must also decide what the territory is going to be called. The draft constitution makes provision for either "Namibia" or

Guerrillas seize Frenchmen in Congo attack

Brazzaville, Jan 17.—Guer rillas attacked the Congo-Ocean railway on Saturday, killing tiree Cougolese workmen and kidnapping five people includ-ing three French engineers working for the Fougerolle Company, Congo radio reported

The guerrillas also did con-siderable damage to a tunnel on which the Frenchmen and their Congolese assistants were working and blew up a num-ber of bridges. The Congolese Government

has blamed Angolan secession-ists belonging to the Cabinda

White men's bodies in Benin after failed coup

Cotonou, Jan 17.-The statewned Benin newspaper Ehuzu published on the front page today photographs of bodies of what it said were white and black mercenaries killed, by Benin soldiers yesterday in the attempted coup against President Mathieu Kerekou.

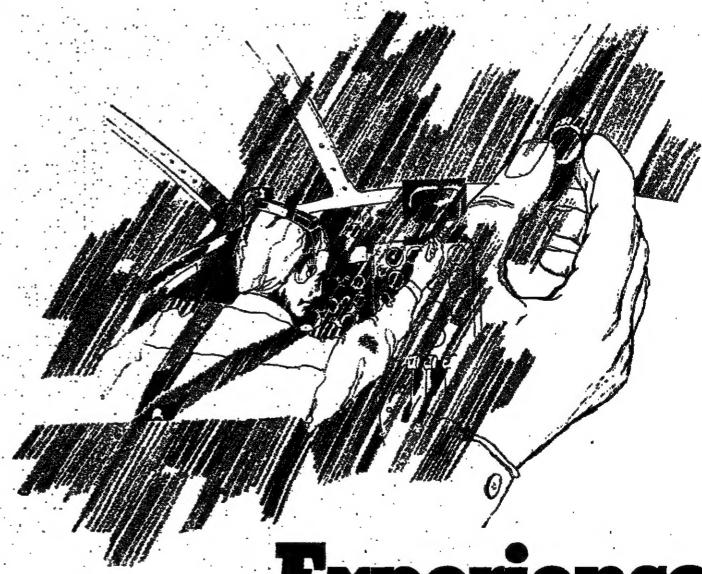
There were also photographs ... of munitions, incendiary bombs, and other arms and of wads of banknotes which, according to caption, were found on an African mercenary captured

Cotopou of Benin formerly Dakomey, today returned to normal 24 hours after its radio reported that airborne mercenaries had landed at the city's military airport and captured a number residential districts before being routed by troops and people's militia.

Official reports today said that barricades erected vester-day in Cotonou were still in place as troops and militia men attempted to fuush out some of the mercenaries still hiding in areas round the military air-

A number of residential districts had been searched by regular units during the night. The Voice of the Revolution radio, which continued broad-casting throughout the night. today relayed messages of support for President Kerekou from the heads of state of Guinea and Alberia, and from the Polisario Front of Western

Sahara. Lages. The Nigerian Government is concerned about the situation in Benin, officials said. Dakar. A Guineau broadcast monitored in Dakar said last pight that "revolutionaries" in Ivory Coast and Senegal had passed on documents which showed that Guineau dissidents living in Ivory Coast had assembled an army, comprising Europeans, Americans, Israelis and South Africans, and equipped with submarines and aircraft.



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Home Secretary hoping for early report on multiple killings: public inquiry not ruled out

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary (Leeds, South, Lab), will pub-lish the report which he has called for from the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service on security at Leicester Prison and in escort of prisoners to courts.

Mr Rees said this in a statement on

Mr Rees said this in a statement on the murder of four people in Derbyshire last week. He added, in reply to questions that a full, independent, public inquiry, had not been culed out.

He said: It is a story of murder with tragic consequences for the Moran family. The House will wish to express its sympathy with Mrs Gillian Moran in the grievious loss which she has suffered.

I have received a preliminary

which she has suffered.

I have received a preliminary report from the Governor of Leicester Prison and have instructed the Chief Inspector of the Prison

the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service to conduct an immediate inquiry into the security arrangements at the prison, and for the escort of prisoners to courts.

I have received a preliminary report from the Chief Constable of Derbyshire and as a result I have asked him for a more detailed report, in the light of which I will consider whether further inquiries are necessary. It is my intention to publish the report of the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service.

Mr William Whitelaw Depute

Inspector of the Prison Service.

Mr William Whitelaw, Deputy leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C)—The Opposition would like to be associated with the expressions of deep sympathy with Mrs Gillian Moran.

This is one of the most serious breakdowns in security arrangements affecting the police, public and prison service since the last war. There is deep and widespread concern about the handling of the case. I have received very disturbing reports from responsible people in the area concerned.

In these circumstances the reports the Home Secretary has already received and has requested already received and has requested will not in themselves be enough to reassure the public. Will he therefore undertake to set up an immediate and independent public the whole incident as the is right to put them and I have many unresolved questions seen a preliminary report which reinforces in my mind that they need answering.

Mr Rees-Until Mr Whitelew has seen the report of the Chief Ins-pector of the Prison Service, and we are not dependent on press reports, it is impossible to decide matters which are unresolved. I have yet to receive a full enough report from the police. Speaking for myself and the Government, if

needs be a fully independent public inquiry is not ruled out. What I suggest is that we see what comes from the report, which I will have published, and which I hope to get quickly.

Mr Jereny Thorpe (North Devon, L)—Two matters should be looked into. How was it possible for a handcuffed man to inflict his will on direct able bodied men and how was it that those responsible for transferring him should not have informed those responsible for transferring him should not have informed those responsible for transferring him of the violent nature of the man in their custody?

Mr Rees—These are important matters that need to be answered and if they are not answered in the way that I propose then we must look at it again.

Mr James Marshall (Leicester, South, Lab)—As Leicester prison is in my constituency, I would like the Home Secretary to nay tribute.

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Why was it that a man with 16 years known violent record was allowed out of prison with a knife on his person and was being conveyed to Chesterfield for a hearing on one of the most violent crimes, grieviously bodily harm and rape, in a rad hired by the prison authorities?

Why were there only two warders in the car and why was the prisoner handcuffed to only one, the other riding in the from seat? Anyone who has been in handcuffs, as I was in 1926, understands that the captor is equally as handicapped as the captive if only one handcuff is used. This is a very serious crime, indeed. Will the Home Secretary instruct that a public inquiry be held into it? I mer a deputation of constituents from the area firs morning and they are disturbed. There is a lack of confidence—it appears quite rightly—in the security of the prison service and in the way the police. In the minds of the people, handled the search during those atroclous nights of terror.

When the inquiry is conducted, will the Home Secretary make the report public so that it can be debated in the House and so that we can allay the fears of not only people in my constituency and constituencies near prisons but the fears in the minds of the public generally?

Mr Rées—Mr Swaln has raised all

need answering.
The use of hired contract cars is The use of hired contract cars is not new but has gone on for a long time. With regard to the public inquiry, the report from the chief inspector of the prison service which I will publish, is a better base from which to proceed than newspaper reports and feeling in the community.

look at it again.

Mr James Marshall (Leicester, South, Lab)—As Leicester prison is in my constituency. I would like the Home Secretary to pay tribute to the prison officers, both of whom were seriously wounded in the incident last Wednesday.

On a recent visit to the prison I was much impressed by all the staff, from the governor down. The House ought not to jump to too hasty conclusions about any breakdown in security at that particular institution.

down in security at that particular institution.

One of the prison officers is quoted today as having said that they were unaware that this man was of a violent mature. That may be indicative of a breakdown of communications within the prison service. We do not know, but it may go further than that and indicate a lack of coordination between the prison, the police and the courts. This must be fully investigated.

The transferring of prisoners by hired vehicles has gone, on for many years and is apparently on the increase. But the safety aspect of this must be investigated as a matter of extreme urgency.

Mr Rees—These points will have to

matter of extreme urgency.

Mr Rees—These points will have to be answered and looked at. With regard to prison officers, including those who work in Northern Ireland, I know well they do an excellent job. I hope those wounded will recover soon. There must be inquiries into the matters raised.

Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derbyshire, C)—The statement of a full inquiry with bring a great deal of reassurance to the people in Derbyshire.

They have been particularly con-

Derbyshire.

They have been particularly concerned not only by the violence of the crimes but also by the unfortunate incidents involving security officers and police, and the feeling that it is unnecessary that these people should be sitting ducks. Will the inquiry look into these matters?

suggested. Let us look at it. It is a nerrible crime, terrible for the fam-ilies and worrying for the people in the area and on behalf of the Government I want to make sure that the community knows the full facts.

Mr Fhilip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab)—Is Mr Rees able to say from reports already received whether the prisoner was searched before he entered Leicester prison on remand or when sent for in the taxi and whether there was a search of the village on the Thursday?

Mr Rees—I think it would be right that I leave this for the inquiry. Obviously I have a preliminary view but I think it would be wrong for me to say so. Disciplinary charges may be involved and I would like to be absolutely sure of my facts before I say anything.

my facts before I say anything.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C)—This is an extremely serious matter. When inquiries could be fairly protracted, in the circumstances and bearing in mind the overstretched manpower in Derbyshire, police officers should not be suspended from dary.

cern. There is no question of sus-pension from duty. I think we should consider this case on its

pointan proteins.

Mr Roderick MacFarquhar
(Belper, Lab)—Could some
prelaminary suggestions be made to
officers of the prison service, particularly on the use of one handcuff and the question of hired

Mr Rees—I have taken steps in regard to handcuffs. On contract cars, what matters is the type of person who is to be conveyed in this way.

Mr Whitelaw—The questions which we have had this afternoon make it abundantly clear that there are many matters of much wider concern than simply this incident, particular prison, or particular police force. It affects the whole country and the case for an impar-tial public inquiry of a major order is all the stronger.

Mr Rees—I am not sure until I have seen the full report of the actual events. If it were to be a that it is unnecessary that these people should be sitting ducks. Will the inquiry look into these matters?

Mr Rees—I think it right that we get the report from the prison service in the way that I have

Lord Avon, the right honourable gentleman

Mr. James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, paying tribute to Lord Aron who died on Friday, said that when they traced the thread of Anthony Eden's political life, at the same time they drew a picture of an age in British history that came to an end with his departure from office in 1957, 34 years after he liad entered Parliament.

With his family background, with his family background, with his talent, with Capacity for parlient and persistent work, there was no doubt he could have made a successful career in the Diplomatic Service, but he chose politics.

Controlly life and for that the House paid tribute to the matchless care and devotion of Lady Avon.

Our sympathy and our respect go out to her today as we mourn the passent work.

Certainly it seemed as though for him political life was entered as a means of finding his way into foreign affairs. From the beginning

knowledge of the First World War influenced him considerably. He lost two of his brothers, one in the Army, the other in the Navy. It was his work at the League of Nations which first brought him to public notice and his plan captured the imagination of the public. He seemed to be a relice seeding out for truth, decency and honour.

Whatever our party differences
(he continued) and our political
disagreements, we will always
remember him, and history will always recall him, for the judy-ment and courage of his resigna-

about the nature of the conflict in his hostility to the proposal for massive American air attacks to assist the French in the war against the Vietnigh

temporary improvement in me situation.

As to Europe (he said) it was almost entirely due to his initiative and energy that the nine-power conference of 1954 came to a conclusion which materially assisted in the company recognitisting of the permanent reconciliation of France and Germany—a reconcilia-tion which has done so much to

when we neard that British troops were actually going sshore in Egypt the news came as a thunder-bolt. To us who had watched him in the 1930s, the action was so out of character.

He never changed his view about the correctness of his policy. He believed that what he did was in the interests of his country and of music had never been in directly and the interests of his country and of music had never been in directly action. the correctness of his policy. He believed that what he did was in the interests of his country and of

tion which has done so much to promote the greater sense of security in western Europe in our lifetime that we now enjoy.

When his period as Prime Minister was considered it had to be accepted that his name could never be dissociated from the III-advised. Suez adventure. There were others in the House who could speak with greater authority because they had served with him.

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served with him.

I can only say (he went on) as an observer sitting on the Opposition front bench at the time that when we heard that British troops

Certainly it seemed as though for him political life was entered as a means of finding his way into foreign affairs. From the beginning his interest in the chamber was concentrated on that. He became Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at the early age of 38, the youngest Foreign Secretary in this century.

There is little doubt (he said) that his personal experience and knowledge of the First World Warinfluenced him considerably. He

youngest foreign secretaries at the age of 38. His resignation after only two years had shocked Britain. He was the first foreign secretary for 60 years to resign on a matter of principle and the decision was the more significant when it was recalled that in 1938 it was Britain, not America, which played the leading role in world affairs.

Although it was right to lay emphasis on his action of resigning his reput office at an early are they

Vietminh.

All of his remarkable qualities were shown to the full in the Genera conference of 1954 which resulted in an agreement being signed which effected at least a temporary improvement in the situation.

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ority which this country had acquired by supreme exertion in war.

His petient handling of the Persion dispute, his expert negotiations at Geneva on Indo-China and his timely offer of a British contribution on land in Europe after the French had rejected the proposition for a Buropean defence community were all personal triumphs for him and enhanced Britain's international standing.

After longer experience as Foreign Secretary than any previous Prime Minister save Palmerston he entered on the highest office. In home affairs many MPs would remember him for the emphasis he gave during that period to individual responsibility and decision. He, more than anyone else, impressed upon the country the merits of a property-owning democracy.

In overseas matters his inde-

the interests of his country and of the interests of his country and of the international community.

Suez was a watershed in the history of the nation and as Lord below his great takents as a partiallicity of the nation and as Lord below his skilled performance in

programme in 1977-78 and 1978-79 will obviously have implications; the Government do not wish to minimize these. We shall not be able to undertake all that we had hoped to undertake but there will not be a need for change in the overall strategy.

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tiatives, particularly those which accord with our policy of helping

Emphasis on poorest nations in overseas aid policy

It was hoped that in 1977-73 room would be found for increasing support for multiflateral efforts and international initiatives, Mr Frank Judd, Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Development, said ouring questions on overseas aid und the effect of the Chancellor's further public expenditure cuts.

Mr Judd (Portsmouth, North, Lab) said: I intend to pursue our aid strategy on the lines described in the White Paper The Changing Emphasis in British Aid Policies. This means working for a continuing shift in the emphasis of our bilateral programmes towards the moves from the poorest countries of the poorest for multilateral programmes towards in the poorest countries of the changing to make the poorest countries and the poorest of the poorest of the poorest of the changing to make the poorest of the poorest of the changing to make the poorest of the poorest of the changing to make the poorest of t

much preferred to wind up debates than to open them and disliked

scripted speeches.

In 1956, although the scenes in the House distressed him, he retained his natural dignity and composure throughout.

It was difficult to do justice to the many facets of his personality. There was a natural reserve about him, but no one who spent any him, but no one who spent any time in his company failed to respond to his charm and sensibi-

Those who knew him well spoke of this tenacity and his refusal to indulge in self-pity, of his warm appreciation of the qualities of colleagues and opponents aike, his discerning taste in literature and painting, his abiding interest in the universities, especially Birming-bam University, of which he was Chancellor for more than a quarter of a century, of his accessibility, of his fairness and understanding, of his unfeigned distike of tyramiles, builying and intolerance.

already distinguished himself as a brave and gallant soldier. Like many of his contemporaries the lessons of his early experiences were etched on his mind and he always remembered those who had served with him and sacrificed so much. His great ideal was of a new international order between nations, founded on mutual respect and mutual undertakings menially honoured.

He became one of Britain's youngest foreign secretaries at the

side he loved. Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L), said they sub-scribed to all that had been said about Lord Avon. He (Mr Steel) had never met him or even seen him.

him.

Yet the abiding impression left on me (he said), perhaps, that there can be few men in recent history who have served this country over such a long period with such a pre-eminent combination of physical and political courage.

courage.

Mr Edward Heath (Bexisy, Sidcup, C) said he had served with Lord Avon as his Chief Whip for the last year of his premiership. For his (Mr Heath's) generation at university during the thirties Anthony Eden personified the struggle against tyramy in Europe. He had a deep and passionate belief in the maintenance of the rule of law. It is not possible (he said) to understand any period of his life or any aspect of his career without recognizing how deep that belief went. In international affairs it meant the creation and meintenance of a framework of invernational law in order to achieve justice and, he believed, in the longer run, to peace.

longer run, to peace. He, therefore, was prepared to fight for them although he believed that what came first was the use of diplomacy to bring about peaceful change to accommodate the various adjustments of power which were necessary in the world.

But even more than that, he stood for my generation as an idealist. He displayed a personal idealist. He displayed idealist idealist. He displayed idealist idealist. He displayed idealist. He di He, therefore, was prepared to

ment. We believed, and rightly, that we were following his policies. Mr Reginald Maudling (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C) said it was 30 years since he had first worked with Lord Avon as his personal assistant and more than 20 years since he had made him Minister of Supply

since he had made him Minister of Supply.

I found him the said) always kind, understanding and deeply appreciative of any help he was given. He was enormously keen to help younger men and I and many others owe him a deep and permanent debt of gratitude for that. He had a deep love of England (he said). All who knew him derived deeply from his humanity. All who knew him would cherish his memory with the deepest respect and abiding affection.

Mr Marcus Lipton (Lambeth, Central, Lab) said he believed he was possibly the only MP who was a contemporary of Anthony Eden at Oxford after the First World War.

War. He was a cultivated man, a cul-He was a cultivated man, a cultured man of great charm. He was a great English patriot. In more than the technical and conventional terms that we use in this House (he said) he was a right honourable gentieman.

Mr. Donnis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that he could understand the need as has been done today to pay tributes for half an hour or an hour to a man who was a member

of this club. House of Commons members ought to understand they are speaking not merely as members of a club but as legisla-

To pack up and go, to abandon the ship at this time, after only three hours was a disgrace. Mr Foot should have said that they would pay the tributes and there would be appropriate time for the many MPs who would want to do this, but, because of pressure to get work done, they could not have double standards any more.

Mr Engels Powell (South Down double standards any more.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UUUC) said many MPs in the House who purported to speak on behalf of the British people, and particularly the working classes, asserted that the people did not understand that which was historical, traditional, or even that governed by precedent.

It is those who thus speak (he asid) who misunderstand the British people.

It is a characteristic of the British people that has saved them in

tish people that has saved them in the past and may again in future that they have a sense of history of their country and that they have a sense of conventions which are as surveng and important as the law itself by which this country has always been bound, and long may it be so.

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No-side not a moment too soon for Oxford

Despite an ky arctic wind and a slippery surface on a hard ground the Universities of Oxford and Edinburgh joined in a lively and entertaining display at Iffley Road yesterday. Oxford, happy to have won by two goals and two penalty goals, were much relieved by no side, for the second half had barely begun when their right wing, Hoolahan, pulled up with hamstring trouble and retired. Oxford's captain withdrew from the scrummage to ping the gap, a Despite an icy arctic wind and Oxford's captain withdrew from the scrummage to plug the gap, a effectiveness of Oxford's forwards, where Dugald Macdonald had been outstanding, and thus allow Edinburgh's eight a freer hand and a greater say both in the tight and elsewhere. With their half backs and threeyuarters showing plenty of skill and entimasam in their running and passing Oxford's capabilities in defence were frequently tested.

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Unfortunately last week's fall of snow robbed Edinburgh of their game with Cambridge University at Grange Road on Saturday. But no doubt that disappointment will have been erased by virtue of a restful and spirited performance yesterday. Edinburgh by the by are winners of the Scottish Universities championship, and as the highest placed university in the third division might yet gain promotion to the second division in the Scottish Rugby Union league competition.

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Yesterday their endeavours and those of Oxford to attack, to run and to keep the ball passing from hand to hand were often disrupted by numerous injuries and, in perplexing conditions the ball's bounce or non-bounce. Edinburgh might also have been nonplussed by the ubiquity of Dugald Macdonald. No mateer where they looked Dugald was either there or thereabouts. Before Hockies: looked Dugald was either there or thereabouts. Before Hockley's late call to the colours, Dugald had started out on the left wing and though he finished up on the right, in between he had seemed to be in perpetual motion at No 8. The scoring was begun with a brace of penalty goals from Bryan and Fisher. Half an hour had passed before Oxford scored their first try, a good one. After the Macdonalds and Horne had come away from a lineout and after a cuck, Hood and Bryan swiftly put the ball into the hands of Hoolahan, who scored in the corner. Fryan converted with an equally fine kick.

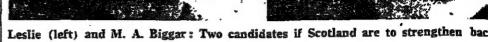
Oxford began the second half with a stirring movement involving forwards and backs and a try near the posts by Rahmarallan which Bryan converted. Finally Edinburgh's mounting pressure was properly rewarded with a try by the No 8 Bell, which Fisher converted.

Tanner retires

Christrhurch, New Zealand, Jan had thought him match fit, which the immediate health of the immediate head prop forward, said today he was retiring from Rugby Union.—
Reuter.

In the does, it is should do Scottish scrummage and maul capacity no harm. Heavise to find a place for Leslie, who, ing animal carcases around an abattoir seems just the right sort of preparation, and gives him ex-





England announce unchanged X but Scotland face problems

By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent England's rugby union selectors have wasted no time in announchave wasted no time in announcing their side for the second international match of the season, against Ireland, in Dublin on February 5. Predictably, and after what could have been their shortest meeting of late, it is the same as that which beat Scotland so emphatically at Twickenham last Saturday by 26—6. The replacements are unchanged as well.

It is not often in recent seasons that the selectors have felt able to give their NV a total vote of confidence. This happened last January, following the victory over Australia at Twickenham. However, Barrie Corless, who was playing in the centre with Maxwell, then had to withdraw from the next game, against Wales, because of injury. In fact, he did not recapture the place until last Saturdey, although he appeared against Ireland, as a replacement full back for Hignell.

The Scottish selectors, mean-

full back for Hignell.

The Scotish selectors, meanwhile, have a breathing space before their next match, against Ireland, at Murrayfield on February 19. They will want to strengthen their scrummaging, but above all they will be looking for greater power in the mauling—a department of the game in which their pack was comprehensively beaten by the English—and for a more secure defence around C. White Diocesan College and University.

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whose upper body strength con-tributes significantly to the mauls, would have been the first choice for this position if the selectors had thought him match fit, which he himself believed to be the

enough rugby to prove his fitness to the selectors' satisfaction.

The best loose trio combination at Scotland's command, no doubt, would be the one that finished last season, with Biggar and Leslie on the flanks, and McHarg at No 8. However, Gordon Brown's unhappy absence, which will continue until his suspension has been lifted in March, and which must cost Scotland dear at acrummage and mail, has obliged the selectors to restore McHarg to his old international place at lock.

To play McHarg at No 8 again would mean the introduction of

would mean the latroduction of another lock alongside Tomes. The most obvious candidate would be Barnes, who toured New Zealand in 1975 but in the past couple of seasons has endured trouble with an achilles rendon. He is reported to be a bit occupied and has seasons has endured frouble with an achilles rendon. He is reported to be a bit overweight and has been left out of the South team to play North and Midlands in a District game this Saturday. The selectors can watch this, as well as Glasgow v Edinburgh and Scorland B v France B (on February 5) before picking their next side. They have another option, which would be to switch Donald MacDonald to lock, where he has played for Oxford University.

They might be tempted to play Leslie at No 8, where he won his first cap, but at some sacrifice of lin out potential. Though Brewster made a not inauspicious first appearance at Twickenham, the likeliest survivor among the loose trio looks to be the 6th 6in MacDonald. It was hist job to stop the second Englishman round the short side, and it was the first Englishman who scored both the tries.

There is talk, on the subject of it from row, of a possible swirch J. A. G. D. Rainker J. A. Surion Gottes of Carmichael to the loose A. C. Ripler Rossum Park. the from row, of a possible switching of Carmichael to the loose head side and, arising from the Twickenham forward effort as a whole, some criticism of his leaderwhole, some criaction of his reacer-ship of the pack. Pender, the re-serve prop at Twickenham, might well find himself winning a first cap against Ireland and, if he does, it should do Scottish scrummage and maul capacity no harm. Heav-

There has been a story the Founds in recent week the Englishman, Scotsman, man sentenced to death power-crazed dictator in a land, and required to me doom by jumping into a cn infested river. They drew determine the order of it and the Scotsman, Irishm. Welshman all perished I sequence. The Englishman asked whether he might fit off his coat and pullove request was granted, whe I thirt was presented them. a T shirt was revealed bear words "England for the Crown". "Even a croc observed the Englishman, "

But who knows now? be harder to win in Dably
that victory over Scotlan
given English morale the
it so long demanded. We
may happen against Francy
Twickenham on February
will be disappointing if th
not arrive in Carolif for the on March 5 with at less unexpected piece of glorysights. For the moment, he euphoria must be resisted, is right in making no fo

Hess, the Richmond lock, make his first appearance Middlesex in the county pionship semi-final match a: Warwickshire at the Rich Athletic Ground on Saturds replaces the injured Li Welshman, Howcroft, and pa his club colleague, the f England lineout jumper, Es

Racing

Why cancellations mean hardship

nampton failing victims to the renewed icy conditions, a total of 29 days racing have already been lost during January. November has been the only trouble-free month so far this winter, but since the beginning of October 71 programmes carrying over £300,000 in added money have been abandoned. In addition, when no racing takes place £20,000 is lost each day in betting levy. If one programme only is able to be run, the loss is between £8,000 to £10,000. On Saturdays of course, these figures are substantially larger.

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The other effect of a prolonged hold up is a slight loss of public interest with a consequent deterioration in racecourse attendances. At Ascot on Saturday attendances. At Ascot on Saturday when the Fact that racing took place at all paid a magnificent tribute to the improvements in their drainage system, a crowd 20 per cent down on last year watched a magnificent day's sport. Captain Nicholas Beaumout the clerk of the course, told me: "We always find that the facr of having an inspection results in a decreased attendance. Apparently, people decide then and there to stay at home even Blue Circle stay at home even Blue Circle Cement who sponsored the big race reported that guests who had accepted their invitation, which included a free hunch and drinks, included a free lunch and drinks, had been telephoning during the week and saying that they had decided not to come after all."

In the hopes that racing will soon he resumed, backers have been busy putting their money on Artifice to win the Schweppes Gold Trophy. After the announcement that Jeffrey King may ride John Thorne's six-year-old at Newbury. Artifice was heavily backed yesterday and is now clear favourite at 14—1 with both Hills and Ladbrokes for this important

STATE OF GOING vofficial:

Piggott books his Lincoln Handicap ride

Lester Piggott has been b by Peter Makin, the Maribo trainer, to ride Rhodomant the Irish Sweeps Lincoln. said yesterday that Piggott-has yet to win the £10,000 caster Handicap, telephoned I offer his servics if Rhodom ran. The former champion the horse to victory over I at Sandown Park last spring " Rhodomantade has had: "Rhodomantade has had!"
month break at the Heathe Stud, near Newbury ", Makil"
It was a complete holida has freshened bim up. Brot done any fast work streturned to my stable, but very well."

Another trainer after F for the same race is Peter I son, who rode three wins the race and trained Sov Bill to win in 1972. Rol wants Piggott to resume his nership with Golden Aim. the ante-post market leaders was unplaced in last year's with Piggott aboard.

Ryan Price, who dominant Schweppes Gold Trophy will wins in the first five years, not expect to have a runner 1 year's race. The Findon monly entry for the £15,000 bury hurdle is Soldier Rose the handicapper has rated his highly for Price's liking. highly for Price's liking.
The five-year-old, who we jump races last season, by badly in the Triumph Hunt set to carry 11st 1lb. "The is unfairly handicapped", said. "He was entitled to a mum of 10sr 12lb. In any I would want to give him at of outings before the Schw and time is against me."

Table tennis

Tough start for Douglas

Desmond Douglas, of Birming- Constance, in the second round.

Desmond Douglas, of Birming ham, faces a tough start to the defence of his men's singles title in the English table termis championship ,spousored by Norwich Union, at Woking, from February 17 to 19. Douglas, the top seed. In the finals she is likely to face Carole Knight, aged 19. of Cleveland, who beat her in the international championships at Thornaby 10 days ago. The seeded players are: Men: D. Douglas, J. Walker, N. Jarvis, J. Hilton, P. Day, A. Barden, D. Parker and D. Neale, Women: J. Hammersley, K. Witt, L. Howard and C. Knight.

England field strong team

Although Jill Hammersley, the European champion, is in Japan for a month's intensive training, England field a strong side in the Weish open table reamis championships, sponsored by Stlga, at Cardiff from February 4—6. The eight-strong side includes seven members of England's team to contest the world championships, sponsored by Norwich Union, at Birmingham

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Haydock betting Tied Cottage (8-1 to 6-1 Zongalero (16-1 to 12-1). received good support with for Saturday's £12,500 Est Premier Steeplechase Final al dock Park. Leading prices

9-4 Bunker Hill (from 2-1). Border Incident, 6-1 Master

Bembridge enters Manila, Jan 27.-Maurice bridge, of Britain is amon early entries for the Philip Open championship, first b the Asian golf circuit. starts here on February Reuter.

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Mr Judd—I am leaving this aftermon for the Governing Council of
the United Nations Developing
Programme which illustrates the
commitment on the part of the
Government as a whole to the
United Nations and its agencies.
It is because we wish to play a
full part as a Government in fulfilling our international responsibilities that we are doing everything
necessary to strengthen the
economy as fast as possible.
Mr Peter Tausell (Horncastle, C).

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No and maybe: Allardyce (left), of Bolton, ruled out for tonight's Cup tie against Evertor

Weather leaves Allardyce out in Country's bome replay Blackpool was postponed second time after the Leiferee, John Huming, made in inspertion. The Basenand was thick with frost pitch was bone hard, with pitch was bone hard, with forced out of the first leg of the was in 1953, when Bolton won

Sam Allardyce, the Bolton Wanderers defender, has been forced out of the first leg of the League Cup semi-final round against Everton at Goodison Park today because bad weather has prolonged his suspension. Allardyce should have completed his two-match ban in time for the game with Everton. But the sexual part of his suspension was delayed with the postponement of Bolton's games against Cartisle last Tuesday and Orient on Satur-

last Tuesday and Orient on Saturday.

Allardyce said yesterday: "I am the lads all the best at Everton." It makes a suspension seem a little unfair when the weather intervenes like this."

The Bolton mamager, lan Greaves, has no injury problems and will probably select from the team party for their last match—the 2—1 FA Cup defeat at West Ham. Mike Waish is likely to stand in for Allardyce. Bolton will be attempting to emulate their per-

Chung reluctantly agreed to release him and clubs are to be notified of his availability. Kelly made his first division debut

made his first division debut against Sheffield United three years ago, but since then has played in only 11 first team games, two of them in the second

Steve Buttle's £12,000 transfer from Bournemonth to Norwich City has been called off, because of a knee injury.

last met in Cap competition. That was in 1953, when Bolton won 4—3 in the semi-final round of the FA Cap.

Despite the recent defeat at West Ham, Mr Greaves has no fear of playing a first division side away from home. "We have been drawn away in every round of the competition this season. If we play anything like the way we did at Derby in the quarter-finals, we will get a result at Everton", he said.

Ron Goodlass, a winger, name in the Everton party of 13, is expected to return to the side. With Bruce Rioch Cup-tied, Bryan Hamilton is likely to play in middield with Goodlass back in the attack.

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Evertou, whose highest attendance at Goodison Park this season was 33,000 for the opening League fixture against Ipswich, expect a crowd of about 50,000. Almost all the 24,000 smnd tickets have been sold.

Queen's Park Rangers will play Dave Thomas in a Football Combination game at lpswich tonight, 24 hours before their League Cup semi-final round first leg against Aston Villa comorrow. Thomas fractured a cheekbone in a training accident a foreight ago and has not played since. But if he comes through safely tonight be will be considered for a place against Villa.

Eddie Kelly, a midfield player, who has hamstring trouble, is a definite non-starter for tomorrow's definite non-trarter for tomorrow agame, which is unlikely to be as well supported as Rangers had hoped. They have 8.000 terrace tickets remaining. This comes after disappointing attendances at their home Uefa Cup ties this season. Rangers's best home gate this season was 27,621 for the League Cup quarter-final with

Aston Villa's injured players, Alex Cropley and John Gidman, had intensive treatment yesterday.

drawn away

round on February 5. DRAW: Nunceton Borough v Spi loor United or Northwich Vice (aderminator Barriers or Bangor

Newport post transfer list Jimmy Kelly, Wolvernampton's Scarborough, the holders of the own request. This was the out-come of a meeting between the player and Sammy Chung, the manager, at which Kelly expressed his dissatisfaction at reserve team

Kelly put on the | Scoular resigns

the struggling fourth division club. But Mr Scoular, the sixth manager at Newport since 1968, has agreed to stay until a new manager is appointed. Mr. Scoular, who was appointed last February, said that appointed last rebriary, sale that he resigned because he had not obtained the results he had hoped for. He felt a change of face might help the club, who are lighting for financial survival while trying to avoid the position of having to seek reelection.

A Football League XI managed by Don Revie, will play a Glasgow XI in Glasgow on May 17 in aid of the Silver Jubilee appeal. The Queen will attend the match.

Scarborough are

A recollection in relative tranquillity by a man who survived the end of the world

Cool possession football management

ded looking man. It is a further slide in the fourth ed looking man. It is a further slide in the fourth division. That a new manager was unable to prevent a further slide in the fourth ed looking man. It is a further slide in the fourth division suggests that even that was not wholly his failure. be carrying the whole the world on his shoul-tys a lot about being a ramager. But if it has l application, in the case Greaves at the moment not carefree, certainly with himself and with nanager. He will admit is partly due to Bolton recent run of success: second in the second and in the semi-final the League Cup. "If to see me in a mouth's

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was not wholly his failure.

If his experiences at Huddersfield leave Mr Greaves with no reason for embarrassment, he has learnt from them. A man who has come through a bad time the stronger for it. Although it is easier at Bolton, he says, because he has better players, his team are a more attractive side, less geared to stopping the other side from playing as their first priority. They express his belief in good football. He feels that in the long run that is the only way to play, that emphasis on stopping the other side is sometimes essential, but "it dulls your brain eventually".

we'd lost four on the answers might be difbe feeling more aggresiaps. But he gives every of being able to cope hall the pressures and theing a football manatial.

The is convinced that most managers would like to have their sides playing with the flair and excitement Bolton display. "But sometimes they look at the cloth and say, I just wonder what kind of suit I can make out of that."

The also feels passionately that the insecurity of most managers' positions leads inevitably to "fear" football, and that is particularly start and a cure first. true for managers just starting out in their careers. A new manager ther, and a period spent in their Carters.

he became manager of is faced with the situation where is faced with the situation where is faced with the situation where he has to get instant results into the first division.

**Most clubs will say, 'we'll give you two seasons later, you a year'. If you're lucky, that you put out the flags." It is difficult to disagree with his analysis, and its effect on the game. It was means that many managers means that many managers have no opportunity to learn from

their experience, or at least to apply what they have learnt. In that respect Mr Greaves has been lucky, and Bolton are benefit-ing. He has faced the worst, and come through it a stronger, wiser man. He is more relaxed, less fearful. He knows that in the end fearful. He knows that in the end winning is still important, still what he will be judged on. But, "it matters how you win. It does! I want to win well. I've heard colleagues say, "it doesn't matter how you plzy as long as you win. There's no way I subscribe to that. I couldn't sit and it didn't meant a thing. They'd heard it all before." Now be prescribe to that. I couldn't sit and to didn't meant a thing. They'd heard it all before. "Now be prescribe to that. I couldn't sit and to didn't meant a thing. They'd heard it all before." Now be prescribe to that. I couldn't sit and run my head, kicked the door in and run my head, kicked the door in and run my head, kicked the door in and run my head into the wall, and it didn't meant a thing. They'd heard it all before." Now be prescribe to that. I couldn't sit and run my head, kicked the door in and run my head into the wall.

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managers can afford to consider. But Mr Greaves now can detach himself a bit, will not allow himself to become so close to the problems that be cannot see the answers. He is relaxed enough to cope with having an assistant manager, George Mulhall, who takes a lot of the day-to-day re-sponsibility for coaching and deal-ing with the team. At Huddersfield "I was manager, trainer, coach,



Greaves: Lost war in Huddersfield, won peace in Bolton.

tea-lady. Delegation I found diffi-cult. I was too important to the players. I felt I could never leave them, and they felt I could never leave them. And that's so wrong

It's not true."

That led him into doing everything, providing all the modvation

"I used to over-modvate. I'd have them ready to jump out of that window for me. But it came to the day when I could have stood on my head, kicked the door in and run my head into the wall, and it didn't mean a thing. They'd heard it all before." Now be prefers the quiet word.

Although cool prosession foot-

the field. "I'm 50 per cent to 60 per cent less dogmatic now than I was three years ago. I think I give more opportunity to players to produce their own ability, rather than me trying to teach them how to walk." Watching his side, one can have no doubt that, within the framework he has created, the players enjoy their freedom. It is also proving effective. Off the field, too. Mr Greaves has a team with plenty Greaves has a team with plenty

to say. He says, with a delighted chuckle, that he keeps on telling them that he has more assistant

In a position for which there is little training, little possible pre-paration, except on the job—Mr Greaves quotes a recentlyappointed manager saying to him despairingly. "I've been in this game for 30 years as player and coach, and I never knew! I'd no idea what the pressures were "it is good to see someone who has it is good to see someone who has been given the opportunity to develop, and has taken it.

Mr Greaves knows that football is an up-and-down game, and that one is always at the mercy of a bad run. But he seems reconciled to it, has reached a kind of peace.

We did small volume for his to it, has reaction a kind of peace-lifs side speak volumes for his strength and wisdom. In a game which is so wasteful of its re-sources, particularly managerial talents, which often stifles and stunts its main talents, then casts them aside, the growth of Mr Greaves and the development of his team perhaps provide a lesson with wide application.

Peter Ball

Jacklin's chance goes on back nine

Tucson, Arizona, Jan 16.—
Bruce Lienke, of the United States, holed a dramatic 70-foot birdle purt on the fourth extra hole today to defeat Gene Littler in a sudden-death play-off in the \$200,000 Tucson Open golf bournament. The 25-year-old Teran held a one-stroke lead when he reached the final hole but he took three putts from 80 feet to the with Littler on a 13-under-par total of 275.

The first three play-off holes.

The first three play-off holes were shared in par but Lietzke won the first prize of \$40,000 at the next hole with his dramatic. putt. This was his first victory since joining the PGA tour in June, 1975. Littler, aged 46, who was seeking his twenty-ninth tour victory, won 522,800 for second

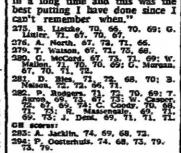
third on 276.

Tony Jackim of Britain moved into contention early in the round when he birdied five of his first eight holes and stood at nine under par. But he went one over par at the ninth when he missed the green and took three putts at the 10th and 12th holes to lose his momentum. He had a four-under-par 32 on the front nine, but a four-over par 40 on the back. His five-under-par score of 283 gave him joint eighteenth plate and \$2,162.

Jacklin said: "I'm very happy

place and \$2,162.

Jacklin said: "I'm very happy with my place this week, even with the finish. I played some of the best golf that I have played in a long time and this was the



Hockey

McIntosh's knee a source of **English worry** By Sydney Friskin

England have made one change for the return indoor hockey matches against Scotland and Belgium at the Michael Sobell Sports Centre, London, on January 28. Peter White, of Southgate, who was not available last time, replaces Ashby, of St Albans.

Albans.

David Cawthorn, the England team manager, said at Cambridge on Sunday that Ian McIntosh might not be able to play because of a swollen knee and this, he added, was a source of worry. The England party, however, is:

R. L. Barker (Old Kingstonkne), R. D. Dakin (Tuise Hill), Westwood (Beckenham), P. C. Fralies (Old Kingstonkne), R. S. F. Mills (Beckenham), S. Ever (Hyerree) (Beckenham), S. Eyre (Liverpo Setion), I. S. McIntosh (Beckenham C. B. Ward (Forebrands), I. S. Barre (Hounslow), R. Clarke (Tulse Hill) J. S. Nurse (Tulse Hill), F. With (Southgate),

Mr Cawthorn regarded the event at Sobelis as a good opportunity for England to play against Belgium, runners up to West Germany in the European Cup at Arabem in February, 1976, when Scotland finished fourth. He also hoped that England would do better against Scotland that they did in Cardiff on January 8, when Scotland won 11—6 to retain the home countries championship. Belgium's best player, according to Mr Cawthorn, is Miserque, a solid defender and one of the most experienced players in Belgium's national outdoor team. The programme for the tourns-ment at Sobelis is: Belgium v Scotland (6.0), Scotland v England (7.30), England v Belgium (9.0). (7.30), England v Beigium (9.0). In consequence of the play-off matches in the national indoor club championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, the draw for the quarter-final round at Crystal Palace on March 4 is: Tulse Hill v Isca, Coventry and North Warwick v Teddington, Blackheaft v Hounslow, Bedfordshire Eagles v Guildford.

Among the surprises in the

Guildford,
Among the surprises in the
qualifying round on Sunday was
the elimination of Beckenham, last
year's runners-up, who finished
with only one point at Slough,
where Coventry and North Warwick came top of their pool; in
the other pool, Teddington, with
nine points, eliminated Slough,
who had six.

St. Albans. runners-up to St Albans.

Houndow in 1975, failed to survive at Rotherham, where Black heath and Houndow came through Another surprise was the downfall of Spencer at Bristol, where Tulse Hill and Isca came through. The qualifiers at Cambridge were Bed-fordshire Eagles, who just got the better of Dulwich, and Guildford,

Boxing

Zulu Warrior hopes to make his big conquest

Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhatini, i preparing for the hardest test o his life, against the world middle-weight champion, Carlos Monzon. The 34-year-old Monzon has not been defeated for 12 years and is rated one of the greatest middle

weight boxers of all time,
Makhatini, aged 31, recently
became the first all-South African
champion when he knocked out
Jan Kies, the white middleweight
title holder. He previously showed
his class by defeating the former. his class by defeating the former world champlons, Curtis Cokes and Emile Griffith, both of the United States.
The bearded Zulu, who neither

speaks nor writes English, is the type of boxer managers dream of. He trains assiduously, taking grea pride in his physical firmer petither smokes nor drinks and happily married to his second Charlie Magri, the ABA fly-weight champion, makes his come-back to international boxing at

Gloucester Leisure Centre or ebruary 9 in the match between ingland and Ireland. TEAM: Light-fluxerfilm: M. Gregory (Azmy). Fig: P. Dan; (Devenport). Bantam: C. Magn: (Azmy). Light: Dan; (Bevenport). Bantam: C. Magn: (Azbur). Light: D. Williams: (Brockside). Light-weije: S. Mitier (Repion). Woller: P. Rely (Ruya) Majdie: D. Partey (Gravcott). Middie: D. Partey (Rap). Light-indey. R. Christie: Ladywood). Howy: S. McCornott (Bellow). Cricket

A despairing accusation-now umpires must tackle over rate

Cricket Correspondent Madras, Jan 17

The talk here today—the rest day of the third Test match be-tween India and England—bas ranged around the general subject of sharp practice. What started it of many practice. What stated it off was yesterday's confiscation by one of the umpires of thin strips of gause being worn by Lever (Willis also wore them very briefly) to prevent the sweat running from his forehead into his eyes.

horribly greasy that the sugges-tion by Bedi, the Indian captain, that they were being used for some ulterior purpose may be con-fidently dismissed. Willis anyway

fidently dismissed. Willis anyway threw his away after wearing them for only an over, as did Lever when he found that the combination of grease and sweat, which he got on his hands when he wiped his forehead, made the ball more difficult to hold.

Mr Ken Barrington, the manager of the MCC team, says there is "no truth whatever" in Bedi's charge that some ointment or other might also have been used by the England bowlers in Delhi and Calcutta, to make the ball swing. Like everyone else, including I am sure the Indian board of courtoil, Mr Barrington realizes that such an accusation arises not that such an accusation arises not

side.

There are certain dodges, almost as old as the game itself, which players resort to to doctor the ball. One is picking the seam. This is less frequent than it used to be, now that umpires are in-structed to keep a more careful watch on the ball. There have been bowlers though, and well known

lip salve have been used, furtively, to give a polish to the ball.

A county bowler once became cross enough with a colleague of mine to give himself away. "You make mistakes too", he said to him indignantly, after being criticized in the press. "The other day you wrote that the pitch must have greened up at the time because the ball suddenly started to move about. What rot that was. move about. What for that was. It was only after tea that I started to pick the seam." The same bowler was later to join the first-class umpires? list. You can do worse than set a thief to catch

like some of the things he does to capture the crowd's attention. They can only be distracting. I wondered in Calcutta just how right it was for Fletcher to come hobbling out at every drinks interval when England were in the field, not to help with the drinks but to give the captain and the bowlers the benefit of his observations. Yesterday evening, when for the umpteenth time a ball was being changed, Greig's sudden appearance on the field to tell Woolmer and Amiss not to get upset about it was something he would have been unlikely to do at Lord's.

But to imply as Bedi has that But to imply as Bent has man Lever was up to no good with that piece of gause, and that he might have done something similar in Delhi when he bowled so well, is unworthy of Bedi. There was one particular ball in Delhi that swung prodigiously.

ones at that, who have grown their thumb nails especially long for to me last week that he thought the purpose of picking the seam. It could, by mistake, have been more recently, sunburn cream and made fractionally heavier on one side than the other. There was side than the other. There was side than the other. There was certainly no suggestion of chicanery. If there was a hint of chicanery. If there was a hint of it yesterday it was more by accident than design. The Indian score when Bernard Thomas, MCC's travelling physiotherapist, knocked up his gauve countaptions during the lunch interval was already 126 for seven. By the time Lever bowled again it was 151 for eight.

To keep an eye open for sharp practices is an important part of an umpire's job. To that extent Mr Reuben, whom MCC regard highly as an umpire, was being properly inquisitive. Tomorrow I hope he may turn his attention to the over rate which so far in this Test match has been a disgrace. The fact that the ball had to be replaced three times, and that drinks had to be taken (three drink innervals a day at five drink intervals a day at five minutes a time means 75 minutes out of a five-day match) and that the sightscreens at Chepauk are bring down the Indian over rate after tea yesterday to just under 11 to the hom. Nothing, though, had more to do with this than the way the Indian bowlers, manipulated by Bedi, wasted time. For one reason and another yesterday's play was a travesty oven of the game in India, where only taxi drivers hurry.

BBC Radio's Test Match Special will be on the air this morning at five minutes past seven on radio three (medium wave) for ball by ball commentary which will cover play after lunch.

Denness wants to break with Kent

Michael Denness, the former year association with the County. Denness, aged 36, was succeeded as Kent's captain by the Pakistan Test player, Asif Iqbai, last

had written to the club chaleman, Waiter Brice, asking Kent to release him from his registration. He said in the letter that he had given very careful consideration to his cricketing future and added:
"I feel that my decision is in the best interests of myself, my tamily, and indeed the Kent club." In five years at capitain, Denness led Kent to six trophies and last year took them to a double; the John Player League and the Benson and Hedges Cup. His re-

teen to sign the former England captain, though they have not heard officially that he wants to make a move. The club secretary, will Wookler, said: "I cannot anticipate my committee's decision. But, of course, we are still interested. Mike he was a good Denness might prefer to stay in the home counties in order not to upset his children's schooling.

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secretary, said there had been no contact with Denness and Alf Gover, chairman of the cricket committee, did not anticipate any move. But Mr McIntyre, speaking personally, said: "Denness would be an asset to any county. He has personally, said: "Denness would be an asset to any county. He has great ability as both batsman and fielder. He likes the Oval. too, judging by his form here in the Benson and Hedges last summer. His century then virtually took his side through to the final." Denness said yesterday: "It Rent agree to release me from my registration, hopefully I shall be able to continue in first class cricket. Until they bave made a decision on this matter, there is nothing further I can say."

Sullivan will join Cheshire

next season

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John Sullivan, released by Landand this, he cashire last summer, will play because and this, he of worry. The ver, is:

C. Printing R. F. Mills and useful change bowler, made his first appearance in 1963 and last first appearance in 1963 and last coming in an end opportunity. Although he had few opportunities in the championship side, Sullivan returned some good performances in one-day matches and in 1969 headed Lancashire's batting and bowling averages in the John Player League. In 1975 he and Ken Shuttleworth shared a testimonial of \$12,500.

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Paul Allott, a 19-year-old Bowdon and Cheshire medium-pace bowler, who went on the young England tour of the West Indies last year, has joined Lancashire.

Pakistan ready for a full tour claims Mushtag

Australia are due to resume

the crease. With three full days to play, Padstan are poised for a victory which would square the series at one win each with one match drawn,
Pakistan's hero has been the
young medium-pace bowler, Imran
Khan, who has already taken 11
wickets in the match. He received

Jan 17—Mushtaq solid support from the experitives the time has a full support from the experitives the time has a full substant to make a full sub Australian wickets, has been giant boost to Pakistan cricket."

Mushtaq instructed his men to
relax during today's rest day but relax during today's rest day but to think positively about delivering the coup de grace tomorrow. "The memories of our lest visit to Sydney in 1973 are all too clear ... on that occasion we were in a fremendous position to win the Test, but let the opportunity slip", he said. "I do not want a repeat of that debacle, and I have told the team the match is not won until the last ball is bowled."

In 1973, Pakistan were immbled

In 1973, Pakistan were tumbled our in their final innings for 105 when chasing a total of 159 runs The Australian cricketers were SCORES: Australia 211 (G. J. Cosfer 50: Imran Khan 6-102) and 180 for 9 imran Khan 5-63: Faksian 360 (Asif lebal 120, Javed Mundad 64, Harupa Rashid 571.—Router.

Motor racing

Hunt worried about heat but not about car

Sao Paulo, Jan 17.—James Hunt, the world champion, has joined the many drivers expressing concern over the possible effects of the heat in next Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix. Hunt, who is staying at the seaside resort of Guaruja near here, told journalists: "The race will be difficult because of the heat, but I have great confidence in my car."

Jody Scheckter, of South Airica, the winner of last week's

Argentius Grand Prix, and Ronnie Peterson, of Sweden, had earlier voiced anxiety about the heat. The temperature recently has been around 30 centigrade (84 fabresheit) at noon.

Hunt, who is running five kilometres (about three miles) each day, said the suspension problem he had with his McLaren in Buenos Aires was solved. "I think the car will run very well in Interlagos on Sunday", he added.

Hunt went on: "The course is very good and difficult, demanding a lot of the driver. My only problem could be the heat, but as I am training a lot, running every day, I hope I will not have any problems.

"You lose a lot of water during a race because of the heat and a race because of the heat and I am a little concerned. In Argentina it was an exceptional day and the heat was really terrible. In Brazil I hope it will not be too hot."

Skiing

Refusal to train causes postponement

Schruns, Austria, Jan 17.—A World Cup women's downhill race was postpoued here moday because of heavy snowfalls and bad visibility, the organizers announced. The rare will be held tomorrow if conditions permit. A World Cup stalom scheduled for tomorrow will be held on Wednesday will be held on instead.

The postponement of the downhill became inevitable when the skiers and their trainers refused to take part in a final training run, two and a half hours before the race was due to start. Faced with the boycott, the international ski federation's technical delegate, Erich Demetz of Switerland, unced his resignation. Mr Demetz, after consulting the jury, had given his casting vote in favour of holding the training run. However, the order to go ahead with it was ignored.—Reuter.

Ice hockey

Athletics

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ADELAIDE: Final: V. Amaya (US) beat B. Teacher (US) 6—1. 5—4. 6—6. 6—6. Doubles, Hnal; R. Stockton and C. Leicher (US) beat K. Werwick and S. Ball (Australia) 6—3. 4—6.

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Latest European snow reports

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SCOTLAND: Galragorn: Main runs complete: new frow. Vertical runs! 1,600 feet. Access roads icy. Snow level: 1,000 feet. Glenshee: All runs complete and ample hursery areas, new snow on a hard base. Vertical runs 1,000 feet. Access roads, s!laht snow. Snow level: 1,200 feet. Cloncoo: All complete cannicte.

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Paul Overy

The Winslow Boy BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

The 1948 film version of The Winslow Boy, a fairly regular result on television, was direct, sombre, with right triumphing in the end, but with none of the comedy of Cedata Messina's Play of the Month provision of Terence Ratingan's play on BBC in Synday.

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I on Sunday.

At times Mr Ratugan was positively Shavian in his play and with the elegant Alan Badel as Sir Robert Morton, the advocate, and Michele Dotrice as Catherine Winslow the beautiful suffragette daughter of the house Win Ratugan Mr the house, Mr Rattigan, Mr Messma, and David Giles, the derector, had a perfect pair. Indeed, there seemed to be the makings of a GBS soap opera in their relationship. You wan-ted so much for them to fall in love, for an episode we could switch on next week, that you quite forgot the Winslow boy himself, the naval cader who was wrongly accused of forging a five-shiking postal order. Perhaps it is the new and inelegant bard times, but I enjoyed the mannered speech of Mr Badel and Miss Dource, of Eric Por-

ter, too, as the boy's father.

Cedric Messina was true to the original and there is no need to praise Mr Rattigan's skill at hand-tooling a play. Yet, as pleasant, as pleasing as the play was, the old complaints about Mr Rarrigan's work still hold true. That is, where are the villains, the bad guys? True, Mrs Winslow's beau jilted hen because of the scandal the case was causing. That was a slight dash of bitters in a sweet cup. Quiside, the faceless authority which had branded the Winslow boy as a thief was re-fusing him, a fair trial. This authoritarianism, however, never showed its face. It was mentioned only in passing. The outcome, the happy ending, was

If Mr Rattigau was not after faceless authority, what then was he aiming at? He was, I think simply aiming to please and that, in spite of the fine acting and production is not enough for anyone, save Mr. Ratigas's Aust Edna.

London debut

Buson?s Indianisches Tagebuch is not exactly standard recital fare and Martin Berkowitz is to be commended for including it in a debut programme. The four movements form a sophisticated commentary on the sup-posedly moble sayage, elegantly controlled sayages being soun out of filed santian melodies that Bussian collected darking Amerius. The media possess

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SPRING

ISLAMIC SALES

Six new major auction records were achieved in Sotheby's second week of sales of

Islamic works of art.

The sales, which realised £1,260,000, included carpets,

rnes, manuscripts, miniatures, lacquer, ceramics, glass,

metalwork, arms and armour and other works of art; paintings, watercolours and photographs of

Middle Eastern subjects; also books of Islamic interest.

The closing date for consignment of property to the next specialised series of Islamic Sales,

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which will take place

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Mr Breakwell's diary

Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol, make an instructive comparison. Both artists have challenged the traditional means the painter has used for centuries, up to and including much of the avant-garde art of the early twentieth century: paint applied to a rectangular canvas on board.

Stephen Buckley still makes what are clearly -recognizable as paintings, even though they may consist of several canvases; stuck together in various ways, or appear to be painted on the back of a normal canvas with the "stretcher" rather than concealed.

There is some doubt whether Ian Breakwell should be considered an artist at all. By that I do not intend an insult, but suggest that he could equally well be considered as a writer or film-maker. A selection from his Diaries has just been published and last year be completed a remarkable film The Journey-the most complex of several films he has worked on. He has also organized happenings and performances.

Yet it is right, I think, to regard Breakwell as an artist. His Diaries consist almost invariably of an observed event or confrontation, but the image created is a strongly visual one, When read in cold print continuously, as in Diary Extracts 1968-1976 (Midlaud Group, Nottingham £1.50) they can appear a bit monotonous, They work much better in the pages of the Biary itself, where they are often combined with visual immees (usually photographs or photomonrages). This is how they are shown at the Arnolfini. Breakwell's Diaries are made in large, page-a-day, desk diarles. He has been keeping them for over .10 years. More recently he bas tended to work on a page each day. In other years he works more spasmodically. Sometimes they are completed in retrospect: "eg, I may make notes, sketches, negarives, esc in February which are worked on and finally rea-

lized in July." The observed events which are recorded (usually in writeing) in the Diaries are, presumably, particular to those days. But an execution or on image may bring back a memory and that is sometimes incorporated into the work for that particular day. A diary is, by its very sature, personal. It becomes art if the diariet can give the personal observation a general combination of risual and very table open and is reflected in media continues at Bristol guage that can move us in the window, superimposed on until February 19. It will, be something other than a self-well's District exhibits the might lendscape outside, shown at the Kill, be the principle of well's Diaries conseve the generality of this His telent is essentially that of montage, the

Hertfordshire Chamber

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A page from the diary

dimension, that of sound. The journey of the title is a train of several train journeys," in which the thoughts and past life of the protagonist (Break well) overlay the images and sounds of the train. Much of it derives from entries in the Diaries like this: 1925.
Leeds diameter, train. The woman in the corner seat were a green velvet cost triumed with imitation fur.

and knee-length mercon suede boots. She fails seleep, sinking into the corner of the seat. Her rad velvet skirt shdes up

with Breakwell's carlier films, at the Arnolfini on February 9, 2304.00 pm and on February 12, 1139-L00 pm. Breakwell will introduce the films on both occasions and after the second showing will read from the Diaries at 2.00 pm. The exhibition Continuous Diary-selections from the Diaries,

been chary about bandling it, life to a medium which has keeping it under their hat. Yet, become attenuated and acaits sexuality is far less explicit demic? Breakwell ignores the of realistic than much which problem, presumedly seeing no gets shown in the commercial future for painting, at least for cinema. However, it is avail himself, and preferring to able for booking from the Arts work in the mixture of med-council and is being shown, jums he has defined for his territory. Buckley tries to solve if by breaking up the conven-tion of paint on a flat surface, but his solution remains ried to painting and to reassembling the constituents of painting in a different way. His works look more like a running commentary on recent art history than a real attempt to until February 19. It will be something other than a self-shown at the ICA in London in referential and aesthetic man-the spring and at the Midland, ner. The Buckley show con-Group, Northestam, this times at the Arrelfini until Summer. well's Discrets exchieve the generality of this files taken is monitoring that of montage files and learners and learners of often the monitoring together of often discrete and learners bringing together of often discrete and learners and learners of often discrete and learners a

Pianist to the rescue

Michael Houstoun Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Having replaced an indisposed Horacio Gutierrez at only 24 hours' notice, the young New Zealand planist, Michael Houst-Zealand planist, Michael Houst-oun, gave some attractive per-formances on Sunday afternoon. Bach's Partita No 2 in C minor was sensitively "orchestrated" for the piano, and the opening Sinfonia had a piquant, high-stepping grace. The Allemande stepping grace. The Allemande was fluent yet thoughtful, the Courante distinguished by clarity of part-playing. The long lines of the Sarabande, 100, were marked by delicate mances and there was some well judged pedalling here. Each movement, indeed, was given a distinct character, but given a distinct character, but also carried a feeling of belong-ing to the others; Mr Houston even differentiated between the two sorts of bustling energy found in the Rondo and the

An excellent sense of scule was apparent, too, in the first movement of Beethoven's movement of Beethoven's "Waldstein" Sonata in terms both of the size of the music's gesture and the use of pianistic resource: there were no exag-

Beyer/Dagul

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Joan Chissell

out hearing.

century ago no doubt half of Europe's music-lovers played piano duets in the parlour on Sundays. It seemed somewhat strunger to be summoned to Wigmore Hall on Sunday to hear two hours of duetring from sabel Eever and Harvey Dagul. Even it still essentially a domestic rather than concert platform pastime, at least the two musicians rewarded us with a programme of pieces that you could easily live a lifetime with-

Their second half, devoted to France, ended with the only repertory work. Ravel's Rapso-THEATRES is rarely heard in duet version. The testive brilliance of the concluding "Feria" lay a little beyond this duo's grasp, and in the "Habanera" they missed the sensual undertones of the lazy lilt. But the opening "Prelude à la nuit" was nicely delicate and atmospheric, and

there was much to enjoy in "Malaguena". Either because they were more relaxed or because the music itself was better cast for the medium. Miss Beyer and Mr Dagul emerged much closer as a duo on French soil. Nothing brought a more subtle and seductive blend of sound from their four hands than Roger-Ducasse's engaging Two Studies which, though described as "pour un commençant", were in fact considerably less innocent than Koechlin's Sons-

tine Française no 4. For novelty in their mixed first half they produced an-other suite, King Solomon and the Bee, by the Israeli, Ram Da-Oz (born 1929), consemporary music without tears after the poet. Bialik, pianistic ally expressed. Their most ambitious undertaking was nevertheless Hummel's Grand Sonata, Op 92, which for its expressive slow approduction, its Mendelssohnian slow movement, and the charming rando them. on Stephen Buckley's work by retrospective of paintings, expressive slow introduction, its Peter Fuller.

Buckley is concerned with Frost until Saturday. I hope to the problems facing a painter cover this when it comes to of the finale was well worth the problems.

of any number of operatic stage

Germany. According to my information, the traditional Coachmen's Ball, which started

in 1787 and provides the set-ting for Arabella's second act, brought das Volk exceptionally into drinking and dancing contact with the roting classes

once a year during the pre-Leaten carrival a situation any conscientions Marxist could

really sink his teeth into. For whatever reason, this pro-duction makes that ball as

duction makes that ball as jolly and uncomplicated as in the never-never land of

Mr Suitner conducts with a defit sense of pace and bal-

a deri sense of pace and bal-ance and ample Viennese Schung. Kay Griffel as Ara-bella, Magdalena Falewicz as her sister Zdenka, Annelies Burmeister and Siegfræd Vogel as her parents, Franz-Ferdinand Neutwig as Mandryka, and Harald Neukirch as Masteo head a strong cast. They do themselves proud by this lovely music, especially in those

music, especially in those luscious duets Sarauss dropped into this opera, one each act, like great, succulent plums.

For those with long memories, hearing Arabella in this house can evoke intricate, largely eleging associations. Furtwängler conducted its Berlin premiere berg som

beginning, never got the production for which Strauss had

movement in a Second Period work, and is a remarkably concentrated utterance; Mr Hous-tour conveyed something of isinwardness, and managed especially well the rise in tension as the music moves towards the final Rondo. At that point the tension is released, and the gentle flow of the last movement's first theme was most beautifully caught. THEATRES

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East Berlin has a ball with Arabella

for its regular concerns through-out Herdondshire, is to make one of its infrequent visits to State Opera on the Unter den Linden not only has an Austrian Generalmusikdirektor, Otmar Sumer, but one who has repeatedly shown a particular affinity for works by Austrian composess and by his own Bavarian mentor, Richard Bavarian mentir, Richard Strauss Mr Suitner on the pofium makes this company's new production of Strauss's Arabella especially noteworthy.

Arabella especially noteworthy.

In the practed programme, Mr. Suinner goes into some detail about everything he did wrong when he tooducted a new Arabella production in 1963 in Dresden, where the opera had had its world premiere 30 years earlier. Drawing upon personal association with Strauss during the 1942 Salzburg Festival production, and upon changes Strauss himself made there, Mr Snither in 1963 not only jetti-Snitner in 1963 not only jetti-soned the music for Matteo's somed the most for matters seem with Arabella in Act III in favour of spoken dialogue, he also further truncated Fisker-milk's brief but brilliant colorattern role, and he made no pause at all between Acts II and III.

and HI.

Preparing the present production, Mr Suitner says, he returned to Strauss's original score as if for the first time and declares himself "dismayed" to find what he himself had done to it in Dresden 14 years earlier. Penitentially, he has now given us Arabella as closely as possible to the way Strauss wrote it and not as Strauss aftered it in Salzburg in 1942 to adapt to such misfurtunes as an aging coloratura no longer up to the Fiakermilli rôle.

Brich Witte, in staging this new production, has made as credible as possible the various situations the amsthal libretto delies us not to believe. That one single acquaintance: at a fronthy pocket-sized photograph of an Fusching party, plan, in all unknown girl can so galvanize seriousness, not only their marriage but their entire thing and rushes, mesumably future—all of their entire by house and carriage all the two. Hefmannstan seriously way from Croatia to Vienna; expects us to swallow whole that a younger sister, forced into transvestism to enhance production, thanks to effective not to believe. That one single pocketsized photograph of an unknown girl can so galvanize Mandryka that he drops every-



Franz-Ferdinand Nentwig and Anna Tomowa-Sintow

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her older sister's marital chances, reacts towards that sister not with hatred nor even resentment bur with un-bounded, selfless love; that Mandryka and Arabella, after about half an hour's superficial frivolous, fey Vienna. Oddly enough a

theatrical sleight-of-hand Messrs Suitner and Witte and to lary, orarife 1860. Viennese deem by Wilfried Werz and costumes by Christine Stromberg. On both sides of the proscension arch they have turned the stage into a richly atmospheric re-creation of that

Oddly enough as some-times happens in this house,

tions. Furtwangler conducted its Berlin premiere here soon after its world premiere in Dresden on July 1, 1933. Two months earlier the Nazis had risen to power. Strauss had dedicated his score to Dresden's Intendant and to Fritz Busch, its Generalmusikdirektor; by the premiere, both had lost their jobs and Clemens Krauss taken over as conductor. Strauss had composed the title role for Lotte Lehmann, whom in Rosenkavatier, he had called "the greatest of all Marschal-"the greatest of all Marschal-lins". Another soprano. lins". Another soprano, ethnically pure, took over in Dresden, and Miss Lehmann emigrated. Arabella, from the

the overall production shows far less concern with social significance than this work would encounter at the hands

Paul Moor

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Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephen-son and Lord Justice Shaw [Judgments delivered January 13] The Central Eank of Nigeria is not to be regarded as a department of the Government of Nigeria in the guise of a bank so as to be immune from suit in this country under the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

The preponderant contemporary rule of international law supports the principle of restrictive amounty which takes account of the transaction in respect of which the issue of immunity arises and the Master of the Roils and Lord Justice Shaw held that "international law knows no rule of stare decisis".

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Trendtex Trading Corporation, of Zurich, Switzerland, against Mr Justice Donaldson's order of March 26, 1976 (The Times, March 27; [1976] 1 WLR 868) that their writ and statement of claim against the defendants, the Central Bank of Nigeria, be set aside and all further proceedings in their action under Nigeria, be set aside and all further proceedings in their action under an irrevocable letter of credit be stayed on the ground that the bank was a department of state and the principle of sovereign immunity applied. The judge had also discharged an injunction requiring the bank to retain funds in the United Kingdom sufficient to meet Trendtex's claim that the bank had failed to honour its obligations under a letter of credit given for the purchase of cement.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted. The injunction was continued and extended to cover not only the amount in

ton was continued and extended to cover not only the amount in Issue but also past and future costs in the action.

Mr F. P. Neill, QC, Mr M. A. Pickering and Mr D. P. O'Connell (and Mr Christopher French, QC and Mr David First on the delicent

(and Mr Christopher French, QC and Mr David Hunt on the delivery of judgments) for Trendtex; Mr T. H. Bingham, QC and Mr A. G. Guest for the bank.

The Masfer of the Rolls said that in July, 1975, there were 300 to 400 ships waiting on demurrage outside the port of Lagos—for herths that were all Apapa—for berths that were all occupied. More ships were arriving daily. Most of them were arrying cement. The government departments had ordered far too much cement.

Before 1975 the average rate of import of cement in Minaria was

Before 1975 the average rate of import of cement in Nigaria was two million tons a year. Early in 1975 the government departments ordered 10 times that quantity to be delivered. The ports were utterly unable to cope with it. The resulting crisis was one of the reasons for a change of Government in Nigeria.

In July, 1975, a new military Administration took over the reins. It suspended the import of cement into Nigeria. It set up a committee to negotiate fresh terms with the suppliers so as to reduce the quantities on order and to spread the deliveries over a longer

spread the deliveries over a longer time. The steps taken had proved successful. The congestion of sitips had been cleared. But there were a large number of legal pro-

The present case was one of them. It was on a letter of credit issued by the Cantral Bank of Nigeria for more than \$14mt. The bank had expressly stated that no confirmation of the credit was necessary, that they were "irrevocably committed to honour" between a suggested.

their engagements under the credit.

The credit hal been transferred to Trendtex who made shipments of cement in Lagos for some of which they had not been paid.

In November 1975, Trendten issued a writ in the High Court against the bank claiming demurrage on six ships, the price of cement shipped on two and damages for non-acceptance.

Mr Justice Mocatta had ordered the bank to retart. Sl4m in London to meet the claim. Mr Justice Donaldson had set aside the writ on the ground that the bank was a decartment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and was therefore immune from suit. He had

Trendtex Trading Corporation v discharged the injunction, Trendnumity was based on international law. One of the rules of that law was that a sovereign state should not be impleaded in the courts, of another sovereign state against its will. That rule was said to arise out of the consensus of the civilised nations of the world. It was part of the law of nations. That notion of a consensus was a fiction. Nations were not

agreed upon the doctrine of sovereign immunity. It was for the courts of this country to define the courts of other countries, the writings of jurists, from treaties and conventions and defining the rule in terms consonant with justice: The Philippine Admirel ([1976] 2 WLR 214).

(1976) 2 WLR 214).

There were two schools of thought. One school held to the doctrine of incorporation; that the rules of international law were incorporated into English law automatically unless they were in conflict with an Act of Parliament. That doctrine had been accepted by Lord Chancellor Talbot and by Lord Mansfield: Triquet v Bath ((1764) 3 Burr 1481). It had also been accepted by Sir William Blackstone and Lord Lyndhurst.

The other school held to the

The other school held to the doctrine of transformation which said that the rules of international law were not to be considered as part of English law unless made part of our law by the decisions of judges, Acts of Parliament or long established custom. See Regina v Keyn ((1876) 2 Ex D 63, 202-203); Chung Chi Cheung v The King ([1938] AC 160, 167-168); and what his Lordship had said in Regina v Inunieration Officer, ex parts Thairar ([1974] QB 684, 701).

said that the rules of international law were not to be considered as part of our law by the decisions of judges, Acts of Parliament or it long established custom. See 202-203; Crung C Cheung or The King [1933] AC 160, 167-181 [188]; and what his Lordship has beak had not proved in charles of judges, Acts of Parliament or long established custom. See 202-203; Crung C Cheung or The King [1933] AC 160, 167-181 [188]; and what his Lordship has said in Regina o Immieration of Officer, ex parts Thairw [1974] QE 684, 701).

His Lordship now believed that the doctrine of incorporation was correct. Otherwise our courts could never recognize a change in the past doctrine of incorporation was Gallieo said of the earth "It does move". The bounds of sovereign immunity in respect of all sex was a consecond of the carth "It does move". The bounds of sovereign immunity had changed greatly in the past 30 years. See The Philippins Admiral.

It followed nexorably that the rules of international law long as a ruling of international law formed part of our Regish law, A decision of the court thoug, lines as a ruling of international law and the part of our Regish law, A decision of the country. So England is a conting a function of a sovereign in major was a rule of absolute source of our law had to be proved. The pounds of sovereign in major was a rule of the country ago no sovereign in major was a rule of the country. So England, the province of the country of the law was a train law and order, to conduct the function of a sovereign is function of a sovereign is commercial activities. It had its decision of the Supreme Countries a force of the country. So England, about of the surface of the country of the source of the country of the large of the a governmental nature but not to act of a commercial nature; see credit the decision of the Supreme Court is of the United States on May 24. The 1976, in Alfred Dunhill w The that Republic of Cuba. There were other decision in Belgium, Holland irreture.

Eugland should not be left beind. "We must take the current when it serves, or lose our

ventures" (Julius Caesar, IV, iii).

The reasoning of the Privy Council in The Philippine Admiral at pp 232-233 was of general application. One of the objectives of the Treaty of Rome, which was part of our law, was "the approximation of the laws of member states... for the proper functioning of the Common Market".

It was said that the original contact for cament was for barracks for the army in Nigeria. But if a government department went into the market places of the world to buy cement as a commercial transaction it should be

His Lordship had found it diffi-cult to decide whether the bank should be considered in interpa-tional law a department of the Federation of Nigeria, even though it was a separate legal entity but on the whole he did not think it should be. That conclusion would be sufficient to decide the case but he preferred to rest his deci-sion on the ground that there was no immunity in respect of com-mercial transactions even for a

mercial transactions even for a overnment department.
The appeal should be allowed.
LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON,

concurring in allowing the appeal, said that there was apparently no answer to the claim, except the answer in the claim, except the pleu of sovereign immunity. When the bank was incorporated in 1938, there were other central banks, notably the Bank of England, on which it was modelled. In 1958 the functions of central banks were well known to be partly governmental and partly private. The law of nations relating to sovereign immunity was then were. The law of nations relating up sovereign immunity was then up the move. Yet the Government of Nigeria in 1958 created may a sovernment department but a bank; a central bank, but with many of the powers and duties of a bank and so declaration of government status.

English courts should be careful not to extend sovereign immunity.

not to extend sovereign immunity to bodies which were not clearly

entitled to it.
On what Mr Justice Donaldson
had called the personality issue,
the bank had not proved its case.

In the conditions of international relations which now prevailed, the restrictive principle was in better accord with practical good sense and justice.

It would be a strange result if rurrent international law would have to be introduced into Ruglish law by statute. What was immutable was that the law of nations (not what was the law of nations) must be applied in the courts of England. His Lordship agreed with the Master of the Rolls that international law knows no rule of stare decisis.

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Damages for loss of future earning capacity increased

Cook v Consolidated Pisheries
Ltd —

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolks, Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick
The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mr Raymond William Cook, of Grimsby, from Mrs Justice Lane sitting at Great Grimsby, and increased to £1,500 the sum of £500 sie had awarded him under the head of loss of future earning capacity resulting from an injury to his right arm while he was employed as a deckband on a motor trawler in Icelandic waters. At the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at at the date of the accident the plaintiff was only 25 and at the date of the trial he was not is employment. The medical evidence was that as a result of his injury he would develop osteoarthritis which would incapacitate him for all the ordinary activities of life.

Mrs. Instice Lane had accorded

Mrs Justice Lane had awarded Mrs Justice Lane had awarded him £3,000 for pain suffering and loss of amenity but only £500 for loss of future earning capacity. The employers, Consolidated Fisheries Ltd., of Grimsby, admitted liability so that the only issue was the amount of the damages. Mr W. C. Woodward for Mr Cook; Mr Paul Hughes for the employers.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Cook had gone to see

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Cook had gone to sea as a lad of 15. In February, 1975, when he was 25, he was injured when a chain purted and somehow struck him on his right forearm. He was treated first in Icelandic hospitals and then brought back to England. He recovered sufficiently to recome his work as a deckbard to resume his work as a deckhand by June, 1975 but gave up in December - partly because the future of Icelandic trawlers was going to make it difficult to get

but that the total of £3.500 was about right.

The law on loss of earning capacity had been developed in three cases in the last few years: in Smith v Manchester Corporation ((1974) 17 KIR 11, and in Moeliker v A. Reyrolle & Co and Nichols ~ Nacional Coal Board ([1976] ICR 253 and 256). In the two last cases Lord Justice Browne had stated the law clearly when he said that "Where a plaintiff is at work at the date of the trial, the first question on this head of damage is: what is the risk that he will at some time before the end of his working life lose that job and be thrown on the labour end of his working life lose that job and be thrown on the labour market? I think the question is whether this is a substantial risk or is it a speculative or fanciul risk. If the court decides that there is a risk which is "substantial" or "real" the court has somehow to assess this risk and quantify it in damages."

In the present case here was no doubt that the risk was "sub-

stantial". In 15 or 20 years Mr Cook might be unable to work, or might be out of employment, or in a less well paid job, long before the end of his working life.

The question was how to quantify the compensation, not years ahead, but its present value in terms of money, Looking at the amounts awarded in the three recent cases where the injured persons were all much older than Mr Cook, his Lordship thought that £500 was too low. It should be increased to £1,500 under that head. The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE BROWNE, concurring, said that in Moeliker

ann hicaous me plantars were in fact skill being employed by their pre-accident employers. The present case was different because the plaintiff was not at work at the time of the trial, though his former employers would have kept him on as a deckhand if he had ignored the doctors' advice; and the judge had said, correctly applying the principles stated in the recent cases, that looking the recent cases, that looking ahead there was a real likelihood that he would find difficulty in obtaining employment. His Lord-ship agreed that the compensa-tion under the particular head should be increased to £1,500. His Lordship would take the opportunity of correcting a statement he had made in Mochiter (at p 251) that the problem of resessing dancages under this head "only mises in cases where a plaintiff is in employment at the date of the trial." He wished to alter the word. "Only " to

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My first of the Jubilee greats fine, unique, triple fusée move- My favourite supplier of quail, is a clock from Garrard, the ment in the character of the who also serves many London Crown Jewellers, A superb bracket clock which not only characterizes the grace and grandeur of the occasion but which weaves thought and romance into the design. The back view with the glass door opened to give you a clear sight of it. Tudor roses frame the control knobs and the levers and bells all gleam, finished with the craftsmanship of old, a reminder of the days when craftsmen gave as much love

as to the façade. Tearing myself away from the back view, which really is splendid. I also like to stare at the front with the lion and the unicorn standing proudly on the silver face in the mahogany archway. Instead of the usual Cherub Spandrels, we see the four royal households—see what I mean about romance? The Tudor rose is again there to frame the centres of the hands. The dial, handle and the feet are all in sterling silver and will carry the special Jubilee hallmark.

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Gazrard commissioned the clock as a special from F. W. Elliott. The style of the rich mahogany case is taken from the 1750 period and inside is a

early seventeenth century. The romantic object was to bridge to some extent the centuries between the two Queens Elizabeth. There are triple chimes -Westminster, Whittingron and Winchester. Each clock is numbered on the back and engraved with the announcements of Garrard's special commission. The special edition is limited to only 250 clocks. It is 15in tall (including the handle), 10in wide and 6in

I did not leave the price until last in case it stopped anyone in their tracks. Although it represents a good deal of money, it is not expensive for what it is at £975, and Garrard should be really proud of this 1977 achievement. The address, in case it needs telling is 112 in case it needs telling, is 112 Regent Street, London, W1. Since handmade clocks take

time to make, pay only half the



who also serves many London shops, stores and restnurants with fresh birds, is now in the smoked salmon business. He designed and built his own smoker, using traditional ideas and modern methods. His methods are his own secret and he uses a special mix of wood shavings.

After crying various smokes on many friends, discerning restaurateurs and store buyers, he ended up with a mild, fairly familiar smoke that nevertheless has a slightly haunting undernote. Then came the problem of what fish to buy—last season Scottish salmon became scarce and prohibitively expensive. I was among those recruited

to taste a series of trials, and I must report that he has now hit on a very good combination of fish, smoking time and methods. The salmon is Canadian but has an oiliness so often not in Canadian salmon, and that gives the fish that much-desired succulence. At the same time, the fish is pretty consistent all the way through, very tender and melting, yet with some firmness

so that you do know you have had a mouthful. He is selling it at £3.90 per db, carved and wrapped. Postage is 52p (mini-mum order is 1 lb). It is harder than one thinks to get the right kind of size of fish outside Scotland, I think he has done it.

There is still good demand for the quait at 44p each (minimum order is a dozen which means adding packing and postage of £1.90). As I have said before, these little birds are always un-failingly tender, freeze well, thaw fast, cook fast or slowly, stay good-temperedly moist (if guests sit down belatedly), and lend themselves to many un-fussy recipes. Many people now serve them singly, with trim-mings, rather than in pairs and there is plensy of sweet meat even on such little things.

Callers are welcome, which saves the postage if you happen spending as much on petrol. The address is N. D. Mizen, Sprunks farm, Knightons Lane, Dunsfold, Surrey. Phone before calling to make sure somebody is going to be at home—Dunsfold 468.

Silver jubilee souvenirs are on show at the London and Glasgow Design Centres until March 5. Personally, I find the exhibition a trifle sad. I am sure that, had they set their minds to it, many more British companies could have produced wares of good design to swell the numbers of those already there—the sadness derives from the fact that there are all too few, even allowing derives from the fact that these are souvenirs, not limited editions or collectors' items. There are some good-looking coasters from Grovemetal Products, unusual chunky boxes of polished hardwood from Romany Products, delicately decorated Rye Pottery, keyrings and cufflinks from Creative Metals, and some really lovely glass from Wedgwood Glass (round decanter, traditional goblet and programs gight). However, in the contraction of the contraction and paperweight). However, since I plan to give space soon to china, glass and the kind of mugs we should have saved from the last Jubilee, I shall leave it to visitors to the Design Centres to do their own scouring for souvenirs just at present.

London, visitors, or tourists, would probably welcome this as a gift. Then there is a Crossword Jigsaw puzzle which I have not yet done but which is tempting me-66 clues and so much black and white that the jigsaw itself must be difficult. A couple of years ago, my grandchildren each painted a jigsaw for an addicted friend who was so enthralled with them that I wrote about them at the time. This mat I wrote about them at the time. This year, I made jigsaw Christmas cards for three special people, and their responses, plus demands from their friends to find out where the jigsaws can be bought, prompt me to return to the subject. Jeu de Patience is a French menu, a really typical one of which the surface prompt me to return to the subject.

The "Do Yourself a Jigsaw" pack is £1.25 for a ready-cut jigsaw, all in white with a glossy surface on a strong card, measuring 12 by 10 inches. The jigsaw comes to you made-up, packed flat in a Polythene bag, and you paint it or, to drive people mad, merely give it blank.

The same firm also sells ready-decorated jigsaws—at £1.25 each. The London Linder.

is covered with manye, spidery handwrit-ing set off by navy-blue wine prices, a delightful little drawing of the chef and some diners, and the name of the restaurant, the Brasserie Au Solell at Avenue Michelet, Saint-Ouen. Then there is a Silver Jubilee jigsaw

comprising the words and musical notes of God Save the Queen with all three verses. Decoratively bordered with dark green, scattered with vases and flowers in black and mauve, this is another I have not yet broken up and made again. Some clever person is inevitably going

to buy several, then write to tell me that the cut-outs are the same on every puzzle which makes them all simple. Please don't. I notice from the firm's price list that there is also a double-sided jigsaw at £1.40 and some animal jigsaws. The address is Hammoco Designs, Stadhampton, Oxford-

Prices include postage to UK addresses, but deduct 50p from orders of over £5 total, £1 from orders of £10 or more and £3 from orders above £20, the deductions being in line with postage economies. There is a surcharge of £2 on quoted prices for overseas surface postage, or 16 by air mail, regardless of the size of the order. There are some retail stockists if you prefer to see before buying. The figsaws are available from the General Trading Company, Sloane Street, London; Heals, 166 Total Parket Hamleys of Regent Street.

Success may lead to closure for prisoners' art scheme

The Burnbake Toust, which come a pioneer art rehabilitation project for prisoners in four jails in the south-west of England, has been told by the Home Office that it cannot continue to operate the scheme in that area. This blow has come despite some impressive results, including the outstanding success story of Jim Gabert, a permanent exhibition of whose work has just opened in the West End of London, with prices of up to £1,500 for the largest paintings.

jigsaws—at £1.25 each. The London Underground one is obviously easier when you know the underground network, but not nearly as easy as you would expect. Child-ren beginning to find their own way about

Mrs Jean Devies, founder of the charitable trust, says the Home Office has given her no real explanation why the project should cease, apart from claiming that it has caused inconvenience to prison staff, and that its discontinuation had been recommended by the regional director for prisons in the South-West.

The art scheme grew out of the success of an exhibition of Jim Gilbert's work in Bath in 1972—the trust's first work in Both in 1972—one trust's first exhibition of prisoners' work—at which f3,000 worth of peintings were sold. The news soon spread that prisoners could find practical assistance with art materials, psychological encouragement and an outlet for their work through Mrs Davies, and many wrote to her asking for helps

for help.

Several more exhibitions of prisoners' art followed, and in 1975 the Home Office gave its official approval to the establishment of the Burnbake experimental scheme for promoting arts and crafts in Decimon, Exeter, Gloucester and Leybill prisons. The scheme has now been operating formally for one year, and several prisoners have taken advantage of it. But the Home Office maintains that the response of prisoners has not been sufficient to warrant continuation of the scheme. At the same time it criticizes the trust's representatives for being "a little too realous to obtain prisoners' art work."

Mrs Davies calls the Home Office's explanation "typical bureaucratic eyewash." Immetes of three of the prisons involved in the scheme, who are now outside, have told her of the endless problems with red-tape, petty prison rules and general lack of encouragement which they encountered. As for the trust's alleged excess of seal, Mrs Davies points out that it is not permitted by a Home Office edict, to take more than three art

Office edict, to take more than three art works from each prisoner twice a year. The frustrations Jim Gibbert encountered while trying to peint during his last prison sentence from 1971 to 1974, provides an example of the kind of obstacles potential prisoner exists have obstacles potential prisoner extists have to face. On entering Wandsworth prison, he found he could get no art materials, except a box of children's watercolours, one paint-brush and one lined notebook. On moving to Albany prison, he was at first given all the paints he wanted, but when the Albany riots broke out in

1972, these materials were all taken away. Shortly efterwards he was moved to Wakefield to do a three-month course in commercial art. By the time he returned to Albany, things had quietened down again, but he was told that because of the viak of fire, he could have only

of the tisk of fire, he could have only four tubes of oil paints and was not allowed turps to clean his brushes.

It was not until The Guardian took up his story, he says, that the Home Office became concerned about the adverse publicity, and ordered that he should have everything he needed for his painting. He was also given special permission to send out as many paintings as he wanted to exhibit and sell. Always a prolific artist, these amounted to several hundred artist, these amounted to several hundred a year, while his poor fellow immetes were still restricted to no more than three a year.

Iom Gilbert also attributes his being

granted 13 months' parole on a 61-year sentence to the name he had made inside as a painter. It was unheard of at that time for anyone to get so much parole



with the kind of criminal record he had, he says.

Ha was brought up in south-east London, and joined the Army at the ege of 18. After spending two of his three Army years in prison, he was dishonourably discharged at the age of 21, and immediately emberked in earnest on a life of crime. A strong, rugged, man feet for the formed that armed cibbers. of 6ft Sin, he found that armed robbery with violence was his forte. "I loved it", he says. "Some guys used to take pills, or a drink and that before going out on a job, but I didn't need it. I used to get really wound up before a job. I was all for the violence. I had plenty of freedom and always a roll in my pocket. It was really a marvellous life."

His first civilian sentence came in 1958, when he was 25—he got five years. Within six months of his release, he was back inside, this time for eight years. It was then that he began painting for the first time. "But only cynical things. I was more or less having a go at people through paint." It was evidently the therepeutic side of art that attracted him to it, as the subjects he chose reveal: a crucified convict was a favourite theme. Jint Gilbert is now 42 and has been going straight for nearly three years, a record for him. "I found I had a little telent in painting, and it has changed me completely—the way I think, my life, everything", he says. "I hate saying that because it sounds so corny. But it is amazing. I never stop wondering at it. I honestly didn't know anything about

perinting. But it was exciting, the same

sort of feeling as I'd get when I was thieving successfully, only better really, because I recognized I had a talent for

Mrs. Davies is convinced that many prisoners like Jim Gilbert are led to crime through emotional insecurity, a feeling of personal inadequacy, and a lack of any purpose or direction in life. She believes that a prisoner's negative ecticudes may be overcome by developing any creative abilities he may have, and thereby building up his self-confidence and self-respect.

She is, of course, not alone in that belief. But she is one of the few people who have done anything about putting it into practice. The interest and support she has already received from many sources for her art project has made her even more determined not to bow to the Home Office's commands, but rather to seek to enlarge the scheme.

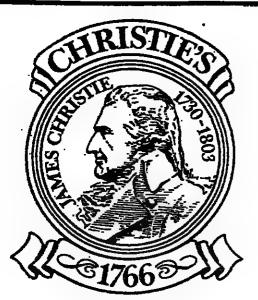
Meanwhile the Burnbake Trust's exhibitions of prisoners art and crafts will continue. Eleven have already been organized this year, the first of which opened at the Tote Central Library in London on January 4 and runs until February 3. Another opened on January See Forhills Comprehensive School, Scunthorpe, and a third is due to open at the Piteairn Gallery in Knutsford, Chesbire, on January 23. Further information may be obtained from Mrs Jean Davies, The Burnbake Trust, Burnbake, Wilton, Salisbury.

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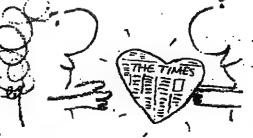
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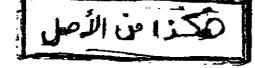
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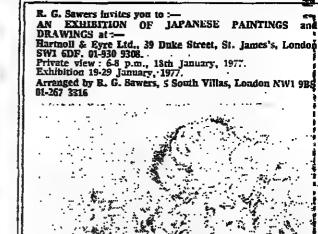
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How far has Ivy League influence waned on Capitol Hill?

Mr Zbigniew Brzezinski, who is to be the President's special assistant for national security affairs when Mr Jimmy Carter is sworn in on Thursday, is a first-generation immigrant. The son of a Polish aristocrat, he only prrived in the United States in 1953, and was naturalized in 1958 He is, of course, the second foreign-born American, after Dr Henry Kissinger, to occupy what many regard as the most powerful appointive post in Washington, and I cannot but wonder if this indicates a trend.

Mr Brzezinski has no doubts whatsoever. He believes that Watergate was the Waterloo of the white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant ascendancy, or Wasp establishment, and that other groups notably the Irish and Jews, are taking over. He might have added, despite his aristocratic trend because Poles, or rather Christian Poles, have always been regarded as being at the bottom of the ethnic heap.

Writing in Foreign Policy Magazine, Mr Brzezinski defined the Wasp establishment as easterners who attended lvy League universities and generally worked in Wall Street. The values they shared were the traditional Protestant ethics, strong patriotism, and a blend of Manifest Destiny, Wilsonian universalism and Keynesian economic neo-liberalism. They were also conditioned by American isolationism, which led to of collective security in the thirties. Hence their enthusiasm

for Natu.
The definition is arguable, but such a dominent group undoubtedly exists. Many of its members are easterners only by adoption and not all of them are Ivy Leaguers or corporation lawyers. Dean Rusk was a barefoot boy from Cherokee County, Georgia, and John McCloy said that he was born on the wrong side of Philadelphia's Market street. But the stereotype fits better than most. For the most part they are Anglo-Americans, in the ethnic sense, who once believed that they had inherited

influence undoubtedly waned, but Viet-nam and not Watergate was their Waterloo. They lost their collective nerve in the late sixties, but long before the 1968 Tet offensive they were being rapidly replaced by what has since become known as the foreign policy community. This group also includes corporation lawyers in Brooks Brothers suits, such as Mr Cyrus Vance, the new Secretary of State, but

Many are elso Ivy League easterners of the old school. Mr McGeorge Bundy, Kennedy's national security assistant, and his brother William, who is editor of Foreign Affairs Quarterly, are obvious examples but because of the democratization of the better American universities there are just as many ethnics—that is, men and women of fairly recent eastern, central and southern European origin. Mr Walt Rostow, Johnson's national security man, is Jew whose father emigrated from eastern Europe. This would suggest a con-tinuity which Mr Brzezinski

rightly which har brazilistic also a fact that ethnic grouns were given their chance by the Wasp establishment as well as the Ivy League, Dr Kissinger taught at Harvard, worked for the Council of Foreign Rela-tions, the bastion of the establishment, and his patron was Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Mr Brzezinski, a professor at Columbia, worked for Mc David Rockefeller's Trilateral Com-mision, where he met Mr

Carter. There is no common ethnic attitude or approach to foreign affairs. The Jews have not necessarily sided with Israel, Mr Rostow was a bawk, and Mr Brzezinski thinks that Dr Kissinger was a disaster. He believes that the Herr Doktor was secretive and manipulative. He also charges him with the sin of seeking accommodation among the major powers on the basis of spheres of influence, and with being more concerned with working for the future.

There is more to Dr Kissinger that that. He was supposed to have inspired the movie Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb. I once des-cribed bim as the Kissinger of death, but in the time of national security policy he awang from Jewishness. He was never to



Mr Brzezinski: a first-generation immigrant who on Thursday becomes the new President's special assistant for national security.

the right to the left. After advocating the use of tactical nuclear weapons he sought accommodations with the Rus-sians which Mr Brzezinski now

I happen to think that Dr Kissinger achieved a great deal. The opening to China, his Middle East shuttle diplomacy, approach to the Soviet Union, even his one venture into southern Africa, were all plusses, although much remains to be done. He was too much but he helped to turn round American foreign policy and point it in the right direction.

He had his weaknesses. He had the innate pessimism and insecurity of the central European, of a man born in a counwithout natural frontiers and with a long history of war and violence. This dour back-

past. He changed his nationality, but even when he became Secretary of State he remained a foreigner and outsider incapable of assuming the easy American optimism along with

the seal of office. he paid too little attention to erican humanist traditions, Although a Jew, he ignored the condition of Russian Jews in the pursuit of détente. He was syn's brand of anti-Sovietism

He could not instinctively recognize that the fundamental question of the American role in the world has roots reaching deep down into the American psyche Isolation or involvement has been a crucial issue since the beginning of the Republic, in spite of Washington's warn-ing against entangling alliances and the isolationism of the thirties. While immigrants gratefully escaped from the Old World, and most of them wanted nothing more to do with it, the sense of American uniqueness also instilled a desire to bear the gift of liberty to other

their own experiment, the American majority believed that peace and plenty could reign on earth if foreigners would only follow their example. Their resentment against what was seen as Dr Kissinger's Realpolitik was perhaps best expressed by Mr Daniel P. Moynihan in an impassioned plea for a return to Wilsonian idealism. "We must play the hand deart us: we stand for liberty, our own

Mr Brzezioski is very differ-ent from Dr Kissinger. He does have his wit and homour. He is much more intense, and despite his fairly recent arrival he has much of the old American acrogance of power.

He is fond of coining new words. According to him, we are moving into a new techno-tronic age dominated by electronics and technology—bears the neologism. He is European enough to regret that western Europe has failed to assume major international responsibilitral disappointment of postwar American policy. His newly

acquired American arrogance has not prevented him from concluding that his country of adoption is in deep trouble. As he sees it, the United States is in a hostile world largely of its own making. Apart from Vietnam and the envy of the Third World, its traditional values such as individualism, free enterprise the work ethic and efficiency are contested by statism, col-lictivism, social equality and welfare. Much of the outside world is more interested in a new economic order and material equality than liberty. There is also the widespread

belief that the United States is opposed to global change Mr Brzezinski believes that the United States is therefore isolation, and that the danger is enhanced by the waning in-fluence of the Wasp establish-ment. Moreover, he does not believe that ethnic academics such as Mr Rostow, Dr Kissinger and himself share sufficient coherent values or possess the social confidence required to generate sustained leadership. This may have persuaded

him to declare that in the White House he will play a role similar to the Cabinet Secretary and not try to shape national security policy. I have heard such disclaimers before, but perhaps it is just as well that a Wasp establish-ment man will be at the Sate Department and that Mr Carter shares all the traditional Wasp

Meanwhile, he believes that

the United Stares can resume world leadership as long as it avoids the ideological claim that the world struggle was now between liberal democracy and the various forms of statism. This could only in-crease its philosophical isola-tion and deny it the opportunity to exploit its very real commitment to pluralism. Most United States has much to offer the world, certainly more than

The greatest of its gifts is liberty, but there is another— the opportunity it has freely given to men such as Brzezinsk Kissinger and Rostow. turn it into a ruling party in the Soviet tradition, "the

Dr Castro: a remarkable talent for survival in Soviet-dominated Cuba

Last December, under the new highest leading force of society cuban constitution, Dr Castro became de fure as well as de the new constitution. At the became de jure as well as de facto Head of State. Now, at the age of 50, as President of the State Council, Prime Minister, Secretary General of the Cuban Communist Party and C in-C of the armed forces, he holds the top four jobs in the country.

was a good year for him. The victory of his troops in Angola was, as he sees it—and he may be right—a watershed in black/white relations in Southern Africa. At home—for services rendered in Africa, no doubt—the Soviet Union has promised him an expanded aid programme to include the set-ting up of Cuba's first nuclear

But is Castro today, in fact, master of his own and his country's destiny? Evidence of ever increasing Soviet inter-vention in Cuban political and economic life suggests that he is not. There are, indeed, strong indications that Castro's ctuba, a totalitarian state, in which this one man with the aid of a small group of associates, has hitherto controlled every aspect of society, is fast being institutionalized on the Soviet model and under

The changes began in the early seventies, soon after Castro's personally directed campaign to produce a 10 mil-lion ton sugar harvest bad all but driven the country's shaky economy into the ground. It was at this point that the Sovier Union finally decided she could no longer stand by and watch her daily hand-out in aid of over a million dollars being frittered away in Uto-

pian whimsy.

In the Soviet view nothing less than a basic reshaping of the island's social and political structure could save what was for it a delicate situation, since, for reasons of strategy and prestige, it could not allow its first transatlantic protégé to destroy itself. With this in view, the Soviet Union was able to persuade a somewhat communism was more mayerick than Marxist—to expand and revitalize the party at grass roots level in order to

the Soviet tradition,

same time three old guard, Moscow oriented communists were included in the newly created 13 man polithuro, whilst at the elections for the new 1975 Noticeal Assembly new 1976 National Assembly, 91 per cent of the successful candidates were party

But it is in the restructuring of the national economy that we see most clearly the in-fluence of the Soviet Union in Cuban affairs, amounting, in some cases, to the integration of national programmes. First came the setting up of a Soviet-Cuban Commission for Economic, Scientific and Tech-nical Cooperation followed by Cuba's admittance to full memand Soviet Five Year Plans for 1976-80 were to be coordinated. Meanwhile, in order to ensure greater conformity with the Soviet model, some 6,000 Rus-

sian advisers have been stationed in Cuba. For mutual advantage in the fishing industry the Soviet Union has provided floating docks for the joint servicing of Cuban and Soviet vessels in the Atlantic, enabling Cuba's deep sea fleet to fish as far affield as the African coast and the Gulf.

At the same time, about thirty Soviet boats—some top-heavy with sophisticated equip-ment capable of probing defence systems—operate out of Havana's Soviet-built fishing port. It will be interesting to see how advantageous to both parties current arrangements ditions for the new 12 and 200mile limits are finally worked out. Its geographical situation and status as a developing country could give Cuba access to fishing grounds in Latin American waters denied to the Soviet Union

Cuba's financial indebtedness the USSR is astronomical, but yet more credits were made available to cover expected trade deficits for 1973-75; contingent, however, on Castro's agreement to aban-don his cherished, Guevara-inspired plan to run the economy without monetary incentives. ferentials based on levels of

years ago—became legal for certain limited categ It seems to be "each acco to his work" again, not t

The improvement all has, in fact, been consider though last year's sharp dr world sugar prices has lef short of cash for her im and she will be hard p pay her foreign supplies distressing situation fo country which has a record in this respect.

But it is all a long way the land, free from fo domination, dreamed of b young Castro and his earl

Some disenchantment i to talk of his being disc ed and on his way out, say the least, premature the time being, at any Cuba is unrhinkable w. Castro. He still enjoys ? dispensible stock of goo what is even more importhe recent redistribution power under the new contion still leaves the Political redistribution of the recent redistribution of the the Party Secretariat an Central Committee wi majority of members, allegiance to him is g as such. Among other qui Castro has a remarkable for survival. Time and he has managed to tipto of a corner into which h apparently painted himself Whilst Soviet intervent clearly designed to safe the social structure and economy from Castro's i

learly sims to ensure efficient government in presence, not in the abser he "Lider Maximo". Bot Soviet Union and ardently wish the experiment to succeed; together they make a seffective partnership, and in my view-likel make the headlines somewhere in the worl

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Bernard Levin

When is a tyrant not a tyrant? Ask the moderate men

When the announcement of the African boycott campaign was made, with suitable comments by Mr Len Murray, Mr Tom Jackson, Mr Jack Jones and Mr Sam Silkin, I was just about to go away for the weekend. We are reporters, however, never let our persona pleasure stand in the way of our duty to our readers, so, pausing to the Duke, I seized a sharp pencil and hurried from my home. Reck-less Jack Levin was on the job. I called first on Mr Murray, the witty, Aristotelian bon viveur who is general secretary of the TUC. He had embusiastically endorsed the call for a week of isolation for South Africa, with all postal and telephonic communications being cut off, and transport facilities likewise stopped, giving as his reason that the South African government places cruel and unjustifiable restrictions on the attempts by black people in South
Africa to form and operate trade
unions, tirus depriving them of,
among other things, all the pleasures
of moving the reference back, supof moving the reference back, sup-porting the composite resolution, and welcoming the fraternal dele-gate. I asked him to give me some-thing of the background to his own involvement in the boycott.

"It's like this", he said, replac-ing a beautiful early edition of the De Consolutions of Boethius and offering me 2 sizes of the finest

offering me a glass of the finest natures; "apart from my detesta-tion of the horrible racial discrimi-nation practised by South Africa, I owe it to myself and to the great

even-handed when it comes to denouncing, and acting vigocously against tyranny of all kinds. Now you will be particularly aware "—a charming smile indicated that the great man had remembered what I wrote at the time—" of my standsome were good enough to call it resolute stand against the visit thing Shelepin, a brute who had spent the whole of his adult life in crushing any movement for control of their own industrial offairs of the Soviet working class, and had as a reward been appointed boss of the entirely fraudulent body which is so vitely miscalled a trade union organization in his country. You will remember how I was pressed to walcome this Gauleiter in the name of British trade unionists, bow I was urged to be photographed on the steps of the TUC building shaking his band and looking rather like a bad-tempered ferret in a heatwave, how I was called upon to make speeches indicating my pleasure at his visit and sneer-ing at those people who had protested against it in the name of liberty."

I said that I did remember, most vividity, the events be was describing, and after refilling my glass and spending a moment turning over the pages of a magnificent portfolio of Piranesi etchings, he went on.

"Then I am sure", he said,
"you will also be aware of the
absolute and unqualified refusal I
gave to all such pleas. You will
know how I went about the country

who sent him here are implacably determined to end freedom in Britain as they have extirpated it purpose in seeking links with our trades union movement is solely to undermine, corrupt and destroy it." I redded vigorously, for I did

indeed recall his admirable and forthright campaign. "Then in those circumstances"

he continued " and evan if I were not myself enraged and sickened by South African oppression, how could I possibly fail to throw my weight, just as wholeheartedly, into the struggle for free trade unions for all in that country? Suppose, when the call for the boycott had been made, I had ignored it—or, worse still, opposed it (saying for instance that it was in clear breach instance, that it was in clear breach of the law and in any case much more likely to give Mr Tom Jackson a nice warm feeling of virtue at no cost to bimself than to help any black South African to obtain justice)? Would I not have been called an odious humbug? Would not fully justified accusations of hypocrisy have been levelled at me? Would I not have been widely described as a two-faced, shifty, Janus-like double-dealing, slippery, equivocating bum-scratcher of

I uttered a cry of protest, but he waved it aside. "Yes, I would", he said firmly, "and what is more, I would be very hard put to it to deny the charges." Deeply moved, I thanked him for

his comprehensive explanation, and left, calling next on Mr Jackson himself. I found him admiring his ment of mirrors that enabled him to see it simultaneously in full-face and profile, and asked him what he hoped to achieve by the proposed action. Unfortunately, as I did so, with my walking-stick just below with my walking-stick just below the kneecap. To my astonishment, he ignored my question entirely and began to babble, "I am a well-known moderate I am a well-known moderate " shouther, no sign known moderate", showing no sign of stopping, or even tiring, though never for a moment taking his eyes never for a moment taking his eyes of the double reflection of his moustache. After about half an hour of this I left, feeling that even if I had stayed longer I would have been unlikely to get any more sense out of him—if, indeed, I could have been said to have got any thus far. My next call was on Mr Eric Variey, Minister for Industry, who had been so careful to say in the House of Commons that he could not condone anly law-breaking, simultaneously demonstrating his dmirable impartiality by refraining to less carefully from condemning it. I asked him whether this seemed to him altogether adequate as a statement of his position, and he laughed merrily. "Well", he

Short did over the Clay Cross affair, wesn't it? I mean, giving every possible encouragement to the councillors to continue with their illegal action, and assuring them that the party would square it in the end, but putting a bit about respecting the law into what you might call the small print." said that he would surely not minister as an example to be followed, and he looked at me in amozement. "What?" he said. Ted Short? Got a peerage, hasn't he? And a nice cushy job with Cable and Wireless to go with it, and him not knowing a cable from a wireless? And Pve never taken two hundred and fifty quid from T. Dan Smith on condition that not a word should be said about it."

I felt that there was much sound sense in Mr Verley's argument, and went to see Mr Jack Jones. He, too, was concerned to establish his book fides as one who detests all tyranny, whether of the communist veriety or the South African.

"For instance", he said, "I would never dream of visiting the Soviet Union and returning full of continues admiration of the said. cautious admiration for that depth-lessly evil and cruel tyranny, together with an elaborate pretence that their "trades union" move-ment is in some way comparable to genuine trades unionism, adding vileness to fathity by actually having the impudence to declare that the Latvians—one of the most brutally and savagely repressed of all the conquered and subjugated peoples of that hideous imperialist state,

that being the case, bow could I fold my hands when an attempt was being made to do something—or, more precisely, nothing—about easing the cruel restrictions the South Africans impose upon their subject nations? What was it you said Len Murray felt be would be called in such circumstances? A twister? A condoner of one kind seriously when he attacks the other kind? A man who is scarcely in a position to complain about the lack of free trade unions in South Africa in view of the fact that by his attitude to the Soviet Union he has shown fairly conclusively that he wouldn't know a free trade union if he met one? Well, that's just what they could say about me if I did not now do my bit in the present campaign."

My less call was on the eminent jurisconsult Mr Sam Silkin, Attorney General, who had had that unfortunate experience over the Clay Cross affair. (He had made it clear that, if there were any further encouragement to the councillors' defiance of the law by promises of a subsequent indemnity, he would resign, and then, when precisely such encouragement took place, and indeed increased in strength and volume, was about to carry out his promise, seeking to rise from his place on the Govern-ment from bench in the House of Commons in order to say as much only to find that some ill-disposed person had coated the seat of his trousers with a very powerful

adhesive, thus of course make impossible, to his conside chagrin, to do so.)
Mr Sillcin explained courte that because of the legal proints, he was notice mable to ings he was quite unable to any statement, or answer any tions, on his refusal to act it matter of the postal workers' posed action. I said that I ask him one question, which y not transgress on the forbi ground. He indicated his willing to listen to such a question, a asked him "Do you not feel, to one thing with another and locat it from all possible point view, that you are just about to hold the high office you do ected as it is to the upholdir the law regardless of politics alone party, as would be a der worshipper of Baal, who enthi tically practised cannibalism is spare time, to hold the positic an Anglican bishop in a rather church see in one of the sout or western counties of England He pondered the question fully for some time, but finally a sigh, said he felt that despit care with which I had phrase it did touch upon matters that cerned the forthcoming court ing, and that he must then decline to answer it. He hop would understand, and indeed I Later on, Mr Michael Foot out a statement saying. Thi well within the terms of the s

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Even after more than four years as a Diary writer, I am still capable of being surprised at the depth of passions aroused among specialists over things which the rest of us regard as mundane. Take, for instance, John Innes compost—a sub-John innes compost—a suu-stance few serious gardeners can afford to be without, but not, I should have thought, fraught with much controversy.

Yet yesterday's press conference to launch the John Innes Manufacturers Association was a highly contentious event. Gardening writers—who formed the bulk of those attending— have strong and critical views on the state of the John Innes compost industry, and took the chance to give vent to their fealings

The compost was invented in 1936 at the John Innes Institute, a research organization formed from the bequest of John Innes, a nineteenth-century London property dealer. It comes in four grades—one for seeds and three for porting—and is made from loam, peat, sand and selected fertilizers.

The trouble is that there is

The crouble is that there is The trouble is that there is no copyright or control over the use of the name, and anyone can put almost anything in a bug and sell it as John Innes compost. It is to institute some quality control that 15 leading manufacturers have joined to form the association, which tests the production methods of its member firms and gives a seal of approval.

Much depends on the quality of the loam used. It should be

of the loam used. It should be topsoil not more than four inches deep, and many manufacturers have it sent from the said that if gardeners dampened Mendips, where it is highly the compost as soon as they

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said, "that was exactly what Ted

Why the answer lies in the soil

suitable. But what concerned bought it, it would keep longer, the gardening writers most yes-terday was the question of not reading out misprints on

be used six weeks, and certainly not more than three months, after manufacture. After that, chemical changes set in. But the redoubtable Xenia Field of the Daily Mirror com-plained that this vital informaplained that this vital informa-tion did not appear on the pack.
"It is very wicked", she de-clared, "and very wrong."
She was supported by the equally redoubtable Frances Perry of The Observer, and by

a ferocious man from The Guardian who spoke of his own dreadful experiences with some out-of-date compost. You should be prepared to

prosecute if necessary", he stormed, and I though at one point he would advocate the use of force. A representative of the company who had made of the company was not made a the suspect compost made a huffy retort, saying he wished the matter had been raised with him before being dragged out Most agreed that date-stamping would be a good idea, as on food, though there were

would be practicable. The man from the John Innes Institute said that if gardeners dampened

That's Life, does a gardening programme on commercial radio, and he was there, with a rather different worry. Was John Innes now a trade name, he wondered, and would it raise difficulties with radio stations to mention it on the air? Ho was pacified on that one, and we all had lunch, but I shall never be able to buy another bag of the stuff without worrying.

A Bath reader says that, browsing in a Japanese bookshop, he found a work called Japanese in Two Weeks. On expressing doubts about its feasibility, he was shown Instent Japanese.

Visitors

One of the joys of the Avons' retirement was entertaining old friends, and such visits sometimes illustrated the style of the old friends engagingly.
Some years ago they invited
the late Lord Montgomery to
Clarissa Avon's cottage at
Broadchaike.

The day before the visit an unknown person of military come? So I repaired there on bearing was spotted planting Sunday and found the entrance little pointers through the villege showing the way. On the for the occasion. It is just to me meante, are middle clarks, teachers and the like. They come from as far north as Elephant and Castle and, in the

appointed day there was an outrider ahead, and the Field-Marshal, who always believed o the virtues of reconneissance and puncturality, drew up at the house precisely on his appointed

Not long afterwards, Harold Macmillan was invited down.
Lunch time came and went,
and there was no sign of him.
The Avons telephoned in every direction. Finally Macmillan was discovered sitting forlornly outside Salisbury station. He had taken a train to Salisbury, could get no taxi there, and had failed to find either Avon or Eden in the telephone book.

SE 27 lives

The other day, in a jokey context, I expressed doubt in context, I expressed doubt in this column as to the existence of intelligent life in West Norwood. I should have learned by now that these thoughtless quips invariably rebound, and this one did soon enough in a letter from John Yorath of the South London Theatre Ceutre.

The centre has its headoure. .The centre has its headquar-The centre has its headquarters at West Norwood, in a converted fire station, Yorath wrote. It was founded 10 years ago with a membership of 70, which is now up to 700. It is the only amateur theatre in over 150 square miles of 70 years ago with a square miles of 50 years ago with the square miles of 50 years ago with the square with the square with the square was ago with the square was ago.

South London, staging some 130 performances a year of 45 different shows in two theatres. Moreover, he added, they were about to celebrate their tenth anniversary at a cham-pagne reception, and would I come? So I repaired there on Sunday and found the entrance



il suppose they're bring-

ing South Africa into line

opposite the Eastern Grocers (Halal meat) and a few doors down from the Good View Chinese takeaway.

Lord Donaldson, Minister for the Arts, was there, as well as three local mayors and fraterthree local mayors and frater-nal representatives from the Questors in Ealing and the Tower in Canonbury—London's other two amateur reps.

The 200 active members, who lend their acting and technical skills to the theatre, are middle-

of Croydon. They hav modern and profitable ba the basement and, like good amateur undertaking meagre resources. I can. report with confidence here is intelligent life in Pot-hunting

A new literary award was nounced yesterday, addin further £250 to the amual of prize money that strugt, authors can pick up if authors can pick up if know the right people and I had an in-depth interview and themselves published in Guardian. This one is be given by the Provincial Bushes Fairs Association way four years ago but we attracted over 60 bookseller its later monthly fair at a 12. its latest monthly fair at a la

don hotel yesterday.

This year the association, 'Arts Council backing, imate to make two awards, for lift ture and bookbinding; 'year the prizes will be go for poetry and "the art of book." As the association in book". As the association meters deal principally in quarian and out of print bowill this year's literary prize to the author most likely in out of print in 1977?

I shall try to avoid the host mentioned in The Obserthis week, where the consult physician is quoted as say that "lack of beds forced" to split his patients up in se

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ated Cub Black arts and culture

Artists, performers, government officials, academics, journalists and tourists from all over the world are in Lagos for the World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture (Festac), which opened on Saturday. This Special Report examines developments in black culture, especially since the 1966 Dakar festival, and the problems faced by Nigeria in staging Festac

Outbursts of creativity

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In Surinam a rich seriation of "The Last Supper", has been discovered, involve floral motifs, and moralizing

Saramaka aseesente cloth in Surinam but also the string-quilts of Vicksburg, Mississippi and gilt-top modes of Johns Island, South Carolina, marvels of optical

Cost of the substance of control of the Salsa rock-jars majority morning of the black of the Music majority majority morning of the blacks of the Minerican influences. He paints the legends of the Nigerian spirits worshipped in his own home. The sporting of the blacks of the Minerican marvels of optical spirits worshipped in his own home. The sporting over into his compositions: trees are dotted with black, a purple field is sported gold with herbs, and a kneeling the black of the Minerican marvels of optical spirits worshipped over int

Awarded a prize by the African Arts magazine in the early 1970s. Zungu spotted the triangular flaps of envelopes had intense micropatterns that compared with logic of traditional Zulu the logic of traditional Zulu beadworking. He sold such envelopes to his fellow Zulus in Durban to use for sending messages back home. The envelopes featured images such as an aircraft studded with glints of flashing colour, and urban life.

A contemporary reworking ns harboured Ashand of old themes enlivens the work of Senabu Olovede, it the United States, Kikelomo Oladipo and other or the Sea Islands off artists of Oshogbo, Nigeria.

The was devoid of African Ablack American painter, Charles R. Searles, of Philamow know differently delphia, became inspired by Angola influence on their focus and perspective.

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hunting, compounded the decoration of buses, an exquisite interweaving of in their works whole modes estral earth and palm Today myriad painted black Cuban Charanga and of black and other musics became, at Algiers, vehicles pass by, alive with black Cuban Conjunto violin are subjected to thoughtful comment,

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Akan narrow-strip textiles, in he makes huge tin arrows is a complicated heritage Dahomean-influenced metal which inspired not only applique in new directions applique in new directions. Manuel Mendive, black painter of post-revolution Cuba, also reflects in

lands in the herbal stores, coscading over the soperas stones stand in Puerto Rican houses, their sparkle an announcement of the sence of the spirit, tych.

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taken the most promising lidrection in recent black
creative music. Since 1958 tempo, in contrast to westhey have made more than 15 long-pleying records, many on the Franch Actuel label. In their works whole modes of black and other musics are subjected to thoughtful recombination.

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a flugelborn solo by Bobby of Dignity", a black mural An altar bronze from cenFortunato. Black musicians, in Detroit, in the lower regisRobert Roena, Rafael Corters is studded with vigtijo, and many others have nestes of the pressures of
brought to New York in the black life in white America

Setting the stage

by a Special Correspondent.

about Festac is that it is taking place at all. There have been so many hazards along its route, so many moments when it seemed doomed to cancellation, so many prophets of disaster.

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are paralleled by a contemporary flowering in the arts.

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Where Dakar was Negro (a Gowon willingly agreed. Assement word which even between plans went ahead, however, and the fundamental differences, the fundamental differences. 1966 and 1969 became dan the fund gerously unfashionable) between nany prophets of disaster, gerously unfashionable) between Senegalese and narrate idea that Nigeria Algiers was African, which Nigerians became more and as

should host the festival was that of President Sengbor of Senegal, who conceived and hosted the first festival in Dakar in 1966. His purpose was to make an inventory of black culture, to show to the world the practical manifestations of the negritude theories of black cultural identity he had done so much to champion.

Nigeria seemed to him to be the obvious choice, above all because of its size and cultural wealth developed through the centuries. For example, Mr William Pagg in his Nigerian Images says that of all known works of African Sengbor once with the progressive jazz trumpater Archie Shepp, communicating with traditional Algerian musicians in sessions in the Casbah. There in July 1975 that the friction sength of the propersion in the commercial of the proposition of the manages and though the centuries are common to state as a pakar there was Duke Ellington (of whom President Senghor once wrote: "Just play me "Solitude", Duke, and let me cry myself to sleep"), in Algiers there was the progressive jazz trumpater Archie Shepp, communicating with traditional Algerian musicians in sessions in the Casbah. There in July 1975 that the friction came into the open. This does not be provided the progressive paractorical as the new was also Miriam Makeba, who with the Guineans, had were paractorical as the new president Senghor to the United States as blacks and not as clearly senging the festival's content. President Senghor had? 13 clearly hoped to useb. States as blacks and not as president Senghor had? 13 clearly hoped to useb. States as blacks and not as president Senghor had? 13 clearly hoped to useb. Thus his old friend Mht. 2 thus his

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portant factor since, as President Senghor had found himself, festivals can be costly. The Dakar festival was subsidized heavily by outsiders, notably France.

Unhappily, 1966 was Nigeria's year of political disagnated with a political disagnated with restical senghor described disagnated with restical disagnated with restical denouncing the doctrine of of the fall of General Gowong and senghor described disagnated with restical disagnated with restical denouncing the doctrine of of the fall of General Gowong and senghor described disagnated with restical denouncing the doctrine of of the fall of General Gowong and senghor described disagnated with restical denouncing the doctrine of of the fall of General Gowong and senghor described disagnated with restrictions and there was a period immediately senghor described disagnated with restrictions and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of General Gowong and the restriction of the fall of Gener

by Algiers stake. horrified suaded.

The Organization of African Unity put on a cultural able success there. The gap festival in Algiers in July, which was exposed there between the two festivals tended, and was certainly played an important role in seen by President Senghor, the subsequent tensions as a rival to the Dakar, festi-

val. It was supported by Nigerians, in which theor. Algeria and the Guinea of words black and African... President Sékou Touré, a took on special nuances. ... o persistent critic of negritude. At the end of the Nigerian a The most important thing Where Dakar was supposed civil war in 1970, Senegalion to have placed culture above proposed once more to politics, Algiers was overtly Nigeria that it should hospital

can sculpture more than a sions in the Casbah. There in July 1975 that the frice of hundred years old, probably who, with the Guineans, had was paradoxical, as the new boycotted Dakar; the Cubans, Government of General Murare paralleled by a contemand the riches of the past who had not been invited tala Mohammed was doing to President Senghor's festitis best to rectify some of val; and, for good measure, the more serious abuses in Stokely Carmichael, Eldridge the administration of Festate. A great deal of time was been complaining about. The

ters, with two coups, and culture!". However, the idea might be cancelled. "be the creation of a catastrophic of negritude loomed larger of it was only postponed; "be was to lead to two and a half its critics. One black African new rulers had any immeriyears of civil war. Nigeria intellectual proposed "mal. diate enthusiasm for the few."

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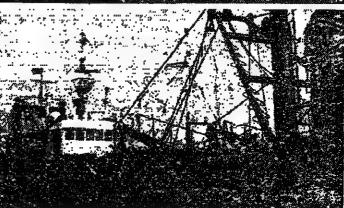
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And the number of scheduled surficipants was cut from 25,000 to 15,000. The number of guests to be financed by the Nigerian Government was also greatly reduced. General Obasanjo, the head of state, said when the countries was a black Frenchman and worse. President Senghor joined in by referring to Nigeria's use of oil as a big stick to beat small countries, and dismissing the Nigerian Government as having not many cultural qualities. However, his efforts to set the countries of the countries of

and sections of the Nigerian press denounced President Senghor as a black French

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A Tutsi dancer of Rwanda.

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The pulse of life

by Laz Nnanyelu Ekwueme

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ichael Etherton Uganda, to present more playwright Kabwe Kasoma Despite this, some serious complex and structured says: "Theatre has to go to playwrights are moving away the people in Britain, popular theatre. the people and not expect from this type of theatre.

play texts, usually by the intellectual elite, par encouraged the development theatre groups. Despite conad occasionally seen ticularly in the universities. of improvised plays in local siderable resentment because Nevertheless, live theatre languages alongside the more of the colonial implications core of in Africa is genuinely class conventional scripted in Eng- and pan-African resolutions sival is the many less in fact, the concern is lish or French.

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listica texts.

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Mukotani Rugyendo, who, in a collection of plays shortly to be published, has trempted to present directly to Tanzanians the difficulties of rural development.

This sort of work has been drama has its roots in the Lateda Batanani movement and a squashed in drama has its roots in the Laedza Batanani movement wards the next small arts of community performing the same. For most African awakening, as it translates, be.—Travel in East societies are still closer to awakening, as it translates, the notion of community awakening, as it translates, or the notion of community of the concept of the notion of community willage theatre to bring the layers of the notion of community together to that to theatre as a middle identify and articulate local lover translates, based commercial problems and suggest potential solutions through the drama.

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Kenyans have munity theatre, which has to and it can be merged with Zaria, Nigeria. He is editor independent com- reach a wider audience to traditional music and dance of Heinemann Educational or example, Nuwa make it pay. They have to to make these elements rele- Books' African Plays for company in travel. As the Zambian vant today.

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new drama. In Tanzania, for This wide interest in the example, there has been a popular, travelling theatre is consistent effort to carry even more often based on the pub-lished texts. Come of this is the work of Mukotani Rugyendo, who, in

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> On the whole, the develop-ing theatre in Africa is committed to the nationalist ideals of the new African states. A play from a black South African would be expected to call for the revo-lutionary overthrow of the Afrikaner regime but a play from Uganda would not e expected to be critical of Amin-ruled Uganda. Yet, in Uganda, before President Amin, plays were written by Africans and Asians which were critical of racialist behaviour there. Such criticism conformed

with the national ideology then, but even that sort of criticism is not now voiced —except by Soyinka and his Transition/Chi'Ndaba group. Mr Soyinka has consistently criticized the new nation-state when it has threatened the basic rights of individuals, and he has suffered for his actions. So have some popular African dramatists : Hubert Ogunde's plays and records were banned for two years before the Nigerian civil war and the Kasoma trilogy on the life of Kenneth Kaunda was banned. Both were shocked. Mr Kasoma especially, for he had seen himself as fully

Playwrights and profes-sionals generally support the workers. Their basic tech- ideology of national unity niques involve the use of tra- and the forging of a national ditional forms such as music, cultural identity, and such story-telling, mas-criticism as they offer it as, puppetry and towards this end. National querades, puppetry and towards this end. National improvisation to develop governments, however, tend to see any criticism as a threat and they attempt to

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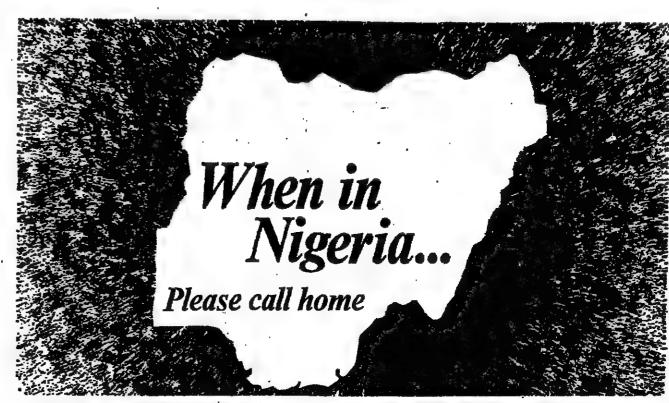
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tary, short length and feature maker.

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LITERATURE

Critics in each other's bad books

by Françoise

Balogun

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and the public feeds mainly on third-rate American. Indian and karate films. The showing of an African film is still an event in most countries. Is there likely to be a change in the near future? An examination of present film production and distribution in Africa helps to give an answer.

Although short-length films had been produced before 1963, it was in that year that the African cinema was officially recognized and to a crook. Among the tional, which assisted Sem-

> Nationalization helps with finance

ventures.

an area where that type of vehicle is profibited.

Three years later at the Dakar festival the first full-length feature film by a local has two wives. Among the most significant films shown that year the Ousmane—was presented. La Noire de . . tells by Abbakar Samb of Senegalese girl taken as a gail, the story of a young Senegalese girl taken as a girl who becomes mad and maid by a French couple to on whom both traditional France where she feels so isolated that she committs suicide. This film won first to which will help her most, short length and feature films—documentary, short length and feature maker.

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establish a National Film films. establish a National Film films.

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Ola Balogun, whose film the evening classes of the company Afrocult Founds. African replacing the folk-time films in the past two tion be improved and property the films in the past two duction of feature films—tablishment of a Nigerian still low, and even non-film industry needs to be existent in many African figures from the central the outcome of clear think—countries—be improved, plateau of Nigeria. Some

regarded as early examples

the outcome of clear think countries — be improved, in plateau of Nigeria. Some traditional, and although ing and meaningful long but chematographic lanterm planning. It should guage must be adapted to are still produced today, ported, most sales are on be linked to a coherent mass the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market. Fashions media policy and to genuine aimed. Most film-makers Ghana, but throughout change as rapidly or included the same of the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market. Fashions the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market. Fashions the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market. Fashions the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market. Fashions the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market. Fashions the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market. Fashions the public at which they are notably in Nigeria and the home market.

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African Federation of Cine Attempts to introduce the women alike, though materials and to provide soft loans to private matographers at Algiers in wheel have not been a popurials and styles vary from

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Continuity and change

struggle to create a film industry without official help.

In June, 1976, however, the federal Commissioner of lem by taking it over. Senethe federal Commissioner of Sava Dosunmu's Dinner with the Devil that his Government would establish a National Film

the regular distribution circaves of the Hombori Mountains in Mali and dated to the tenth century AD.

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with the rather coarse clay Venice and Bohervia in the can produce a thinner wall past, and imported plastic which is less likely to crack varieties, have long been a on the naked flame.

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Pottery is unalazed but decorat
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tiles, and today the expening in popularity. Modern tional standards of sive and many-coloured reproductions are also being and quality, the enkente cloth of Ashani finds made and, sold locally, may production of world flourishing export markets appear on the European and and other handlers in several independent states. American markets where export plays an in

used in the weaving, then ried all over the world by for export to East A lengths of the plain cloth airline travellers.

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of an ancient method of mud. of sculpture. Mask, painting chuth. Though some ures are still being of this is worn locally, most traditional religious is exposted for cally. is exported for sale in art but much larger que galleries and gift shops being mass-produced abroad.

As in the case of pottery, the weaving and dyeing techcentral niques practised today are Some traditional, and although be linked to a coherent mass media policy and to genuine cultural policies".

He has recommended that the film corporation be independent of government and be manned by film hards as recent film out of every makers rather than civil servants. He has also suggested that films be shot on 16mm—which he himself uses—because it is cheaper language of the cinema and can later be blown up through their own cultural to 35mm. Finally, he has structures. For Sarah Maland luxurious cloths, now sel- missionaries to sell

favourite form of body decoration, worn as neck laces and at the waist and

Sewn beadwork speciality of the Zulu, who employ large quantities of imported beads on headbands, neckbands, belts, armbands and leggings, and may even incrust their tradition of fine may spectacle-frames with beads, figure-carving, were Although the Zulu produce much work for tourists, they highly prize their old nineteenth-century brass beads. Then in the 195: in Ghana a so-called aggry evolved a new style: bead can fetch £100 or more, ingless interlocking Goldwork is mainly re- with spindly elongate stricted to the Niger band, and monstrous hear out much of Africa which Ivory Coast and Ghana. The bellies. Those grotes survives in the market-place declining power and wealth at first produced so and retains a sense of beauty of kings and chiefs have the souvenir shops of and artistry.

The wearing of woven for gold-decorated court displayed in museum.

The traditional technique tional arts and crawoven tex- gree work has been increas- Africa, and mainta far beyond the frontiers of they sometimes pass for role in the economic

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These strips are then sewn leatherworkers of northern fully satisfied. In Sriup to make blankets, caps, Nigeria devised an attract thousands of large
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duty hours carving shops in Liverpool faced slant-eyed Gabon were being in order to raise funds.

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Even works which seem to care about their government. It would be easy but wrong honour African history with or their moral health. to read these works as docusine straightforwardness, itse Chinua Achebe's Things novel looks to have created to a failing self-confidence

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flicting desire not to abandon

irony, while proudly celebrat cation that people who do Mau emergency, which re- flicting desire not ing the achievements of the not much care about accur- fuses to take a glibly consolits cultural roots.

Even works which seem to care about their government. It would be easy but wrong himself with more than any other African entered a new phase of mikit-writer. Indeed, few writers ant political commitment. mywhere have by their early forties excelled as dramatist, novelist, poet, essayist, critic, editor, teacher and actor. Soyinka has always emphasized the mythic and folk-loric origins of African belief, but the experience of the Nigerian civil war, which federal prison, has brought a new darkening into his

> His play, Madmen and Specialists (1971), his book of prison notes, The Man Died (1972) and his novel, Season of Anomy (1973), personal Died (1972) and his novel, Season of Anomy (1973), reveal Soyinka's personal disenchantment with the rhetoric of patriotism but manage to speak for a generation too. His latest work, a play about Yoruba politics and metaphysics in 1946 called Death and the King's Horseman (1975) and a critical estate. Much Litera. a critical essay, Myth, Litera-ture and the African World 1976), show some kind of listancing from the terrible events in recent Nigerian

Dispassionate writing about the war

dispassionate writing about the Nigerian war, though no important writers rushed into print while the smoke of battle was still in the air. The hull which followed resembles that in Europe after the First World War. People needed time to numb their hitterness, though The Man Died and Achebe's short-story, Girls at War (1972), are not completely free of Died and Achebe's shortstory, Girls at War (1972), demonstrated this: a version are not completely free of it. Recent books like's Okechukwu Mexu's Behind the Rising Sun (1971), Chukweemeka ike's Sunser at Dawn (1976) and Cyptian
Ekwensi's Survive the Peace (1976) responsibly take stock of the Biafran secession, particularly its effect on ordinary people, while Elechi Amadi's autobiographical document Sunset in Biafra (1973), confirms him as one of the most elegantly sensitive prose-writers in contemporary Africa.

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full-time writing. Soyinka has expressed titles are enything to go by, imself with more versatility recent African poetry has

Poetry anthologies have appeared entitled When Bullets Begin to Flower (it includes poems by Agostinho Neto, the first President of Angola), Merely a Matter of Colour (an anthology of verse by Ugandan Asians) and Poets to the People. meant for him some months South African Freedom of solitary confinement in a Poems. Not that all contemporary African verse expresses revolutionary fervour or racial discress. Octor p'Bitek's Song of Lawino (1966), and the core which laws one song of Laurito (1966), and the songs which have suc-ceeded it, demonstrate the effectiveness of satire in dealing with the odd mar-riage of European and Afri-can cultural values.

Okor bases his songs on the traditions of oral literature, particularly in Acoli, his vernacular tongue. His writing has a political base in that he feels the core of African literature must be proletarian, the "expression of the soul of the approle." of the soul of the people". time of politicians' speeches.

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tion to the rest of world literature. His commission for Britain's National Theatre

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While some of the s sells in Africa than outside there may well be a causal link between the kind of literature Africa is pro-ducing and the means by ducing and the means by which it sees the light of

> Popular works bought by the thousand

For this reason we in Europe hear little of the Yoruba operas which tour Nigeria with ebullient suc-Nigeria with ebuttient success; of the active griot tradition of oral story-telling in Mail and Guinea; of Zulu poets like Mazisi Kunene or of the flourishing popular novelists whose books are bought by the thousand in the markets of Nairobi and Lague.

The loss is not only ours but the rest of Africa's. A genuinely pan-African publishing house could do more for the dissemination of African culture than a life-

Okot does not write novels because the novel is an imported genre. His advocacy generation. Africa is exceptor wernacular languages and an orally-based literature is in tune with the revolutionary ideologies of Ujamaa in Tanzania and the pre-Amin "Common Man's Charter" in Uganda. His views have their adherents throughout The hope for any literature lies with its rising generation. Africa is exceptionally lucky in young an ovelists like Somalia's Nuruddin Farsh, poets and dramatists like the Ugandans Richard Naru and Robert Serumaga, and a new their adherents throughout generation of independent critics trained at local unitheir adherents throughout critics trained at local uni-Africa, continuing a long and probably insoluble aesthetic debate about the appropriateness of using European languages and western literary forms for the communication of African sentiments.

Soyinka, though, resists this kind or argument as dangerous sentimentality, insisting on the legitimacy of linking the African imagination to the rest of world wersus pan-Africanists. versus pan-Africanists.

Ten years ago

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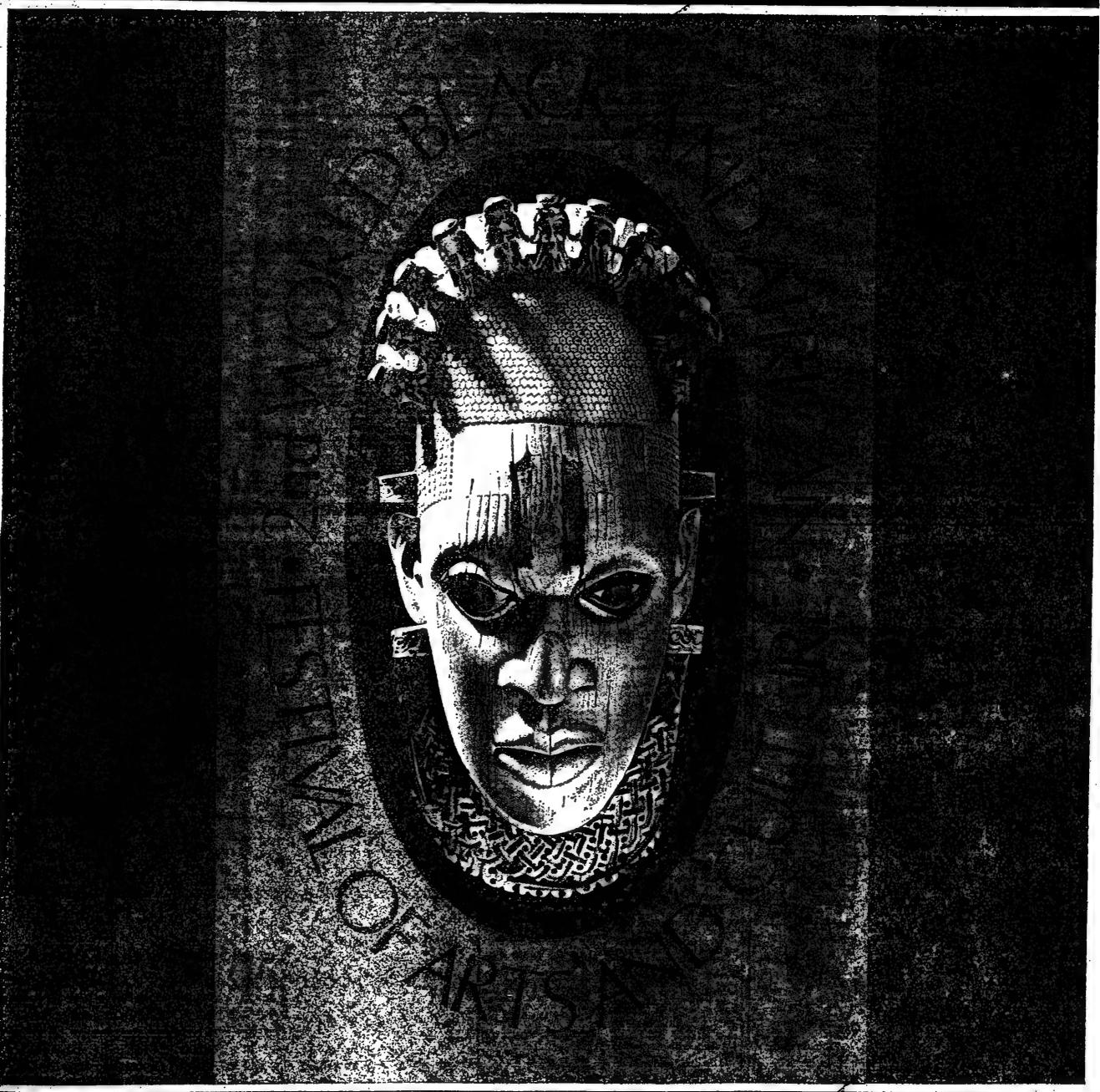




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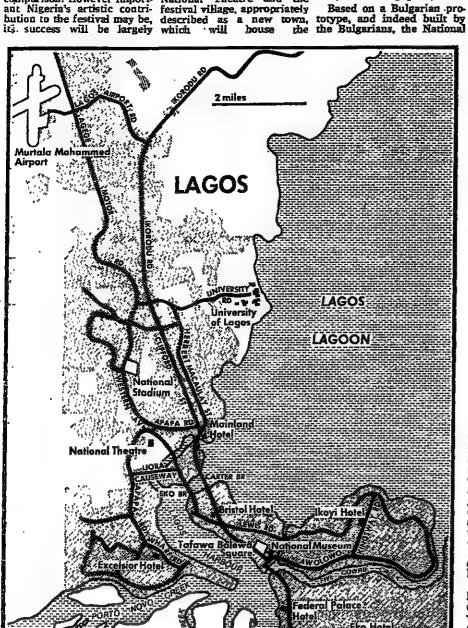
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including the colloquium on black civilization and educa-tion, are taking place.



Map of Lagos showing the venues of main events.

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Nigerian singer, entitled the projects were festival for Lagosians as the and train an army of festival riders at Kaduna. A hotel organized.

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festival there will be an unofficial one of plays, films, folk operas and exhibitions specially mounted to take

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Appeals have been made to Nigerian families to official framework of naccommodation to visitors. to take up the expected over-flow from borels, while the University of Lagos has scheduled its vacation for the festival being of the festival page of

record of songs by Joy presentation will I Nwosu, the versatile young bodo, a musical plan Nigerian singer, entitled by the prolific you Azania — a cribute to the wright Wale Oguny struggle for freedom by black South Africans.

As far as its participation in the festival itself is con-cerned, Nigeria, with the specially mounted to take in the testival user is advantage of the presence of cerned, Nigeria, with the an international audience largest black population of and staged in the normal any country, is treated course of events for Lago on the same basis as The sians. And every night those who have caught the festival rich and diverse a traditional contral contral centural heritage, and mood can dance in one of tional cultural heritage, and choreographer and the nightclubs to be found such variety and talent Two important in almost every corner of the among its contemporary city to the now traditional artists and writers, selection Highlife or the more recent for the various artists.

by the Yoruba novel D. O. Fagunwa. In piece choreograph directed by Demas

The articles in the following section of this report examine artistic and cultural progress in some black communities represented at the festival

Brazil: example of ambivalence

In the music section, Brazil In the music section, prazu has two entries. One is singer Gilberto Gil, who says he would have gone to Lagos anyway "because I have a great desire to intensify my cultural links with Africa, to make them physical". Like the sculptur Carvbe, Gil finds make them physical". Like the sculptor Carybe, Gil finds inspiration in the Afro-Brazilian cults; his songs include "Iansa" and "Baba Alapola", both Candomble

gods. In the dance section, Brazil has entries in the ritual and contemporary dance catecontemporary dance categories. Among the three
films entered, two are features and the third is a documentary on the soccer
superstar Pele, considered by
many black Brazilians as an
Uncle Tom because he
refuses to admit the existence of racial prejudice in
Brazil.

Black artists and sociologists made many suggestions for other entries: a choir with a repertory of Afro-Brazilian music, a selection of young black poets and writers, documents on the existence of a black press in São Paulo in the first part of the century, papers on Resilections of the African independence movements on Brazil, The Negro Intelligents on slavery. However they were rejected. Black artists and sociolo-

they run contrary to the official view that Brazil, in spite of appearances, is basilaged black arts festival is a good example of the country's ambivalent attitude to its population of African descent. While the United States and the combined States and the combined Caribbean countries are each official view that Brazil, in way to Brasilia. Brazil's right senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two São Paulo magazin senting a romanticized view stevedores, produced two savevedores, produced two save

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> Slaves also fought along side the whites against the Dutch invasion in the seven teenth century, for independence against the Portuguese in the eighteench century and in the war against Para-guay in the nineteenth con-

mulattas recognized all the important moments of Brazilian history. But when slavery was finally abolished in 1888 the exslaves were abandoned while European immigrants poured into the count the fields and incipient in dustry.

Brazilian society, anxiously encouraging white immigra-tion, had little place for the

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There is a belief in these circles that there is not Brazil can supply have made much interest in encourage it a priority area over the ing manifestations of Afropast three years. A steady Brazilian culture because stream of African ministers

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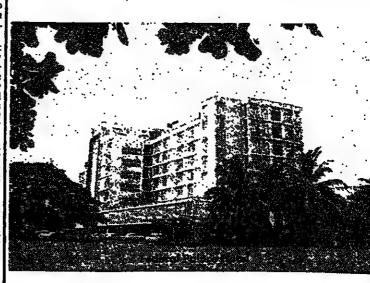
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before it was re-singers like Carmen Dr Doneldson, who is Sim Ra, one of the deputy president of the exponents of new American entry to the festi-cusic in the 1950s, val, said that the African group.

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to Africa. cinema.—Twenty-one large American presence is the influence of the African and features—are be-new wave of African influence. ze. — Twenty groups States. In the 1920s the from simple street "Harlem Renaissance" owed

ancing to flying much to Africa, and again in disappointment was a normal artists, and include the 1960s the political and reaction. Dr Donaldson said lancing and modern artistic struggle of American those going to Nigeria were movement and ballet. blacks was influenced by the those going to Nigeria

— This includes anti-colonial struggle in "We are bringing

c is one of the arts come to this country volun-black performers have tarily, and so had our roots ost influence in the obscured. That's not healthy

Mr Alex Haley has just writ-MI Alex Haley has just writ-ten a best-seller called Roots which traces his own family back to the capture and transportation of his ancestors.

omaid Byrd and the heritage had been shrouded yrds, a top "jazi- in romanticism, and obscured by questions that were the visual erts, 126 unanswerzble. But there had been a good deal of raphers, primers, had been a good deal of island used as a slave dunth whole political system.

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There is a danger that reaction, Dr Donaldson said

experience. The 1966 festival in Senegal, although small and attracting only about 75 leading black American artists, had a disproportion atteinfluence ate influence.

ing is obvious, and in music, mainstream of white Ameri-where images of Africa are can culture if these constantive.

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in the struggle. Haki Mad National Aboriginal Consulta-hubuti is one of the founders tive Committee (NACC), an of the Afrikan Liberation advisory body to the Austra-Jupper nrama and black Africa.

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All this would make parti-service of the Afrikan Liberation of the Afrikan Liberat

cipants in the festival quick festivals board of directors to explore and accept the in the United States, is a similarities and differences handsome man who teaches between black culture now at Howard University and States. Thirty-six when everyone else here of musicians will looks back to some other ments. They include dabrams, the influence and the black author ader of the Chicago

onscured. Instr. not neariny between black culture now at noward university and the found in free Africa and that has probably done more than any other artist to strengthen identity with the Third World and blacks in Africa.

Dr Donaldson's belief in the fruitfulness of contacts at the festival is based on called Third World Press

> Other black musicians Many black Americans have broadened their theme went to Senegal to celebrate and, speaking from and for President Leopold Senghor's the black community, have birthday recently. There are also taken a general political plans to set up a permanent stance. The commentary on centre for African-American one record made by Gil art on an island just off Scott-Heron during the Nixon Dakar — symbolically, the era is a barsh indictment of island used as a large during the Nixon

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Australia: comfort and contacts

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committee of seven Abori-Much current black art in gines, representing fewer America had to do with the than 150,000 in a population black struggle for equality of 13 million which is almost new wave of African influence that has historically punctuated the development of black arts in the United States. In the 1920s the Harlem Renaissance, owed much to Africa, and again in the 1960s the political and the 1960s the Nigeria are deeply engaged who represents the elected in the struggle. Haki Mad National Aboriginal Consults-

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One of the Tiwi on Bathurst Island,
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Michael Binyon

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So a mounting number of In recent years, at last, trained in a school run there Saunders, the vice-president politically aware Aborigines much has been done for by Carole Johnson, an American of the NACC, has recently are excited by Lagos, by the Australian indigenous culcan negro dancer who came been on an unsponsored but contacts and the comfort ture and an Aboriginal Arts to Australia four years ago. perhaps important visit.

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National Aboriginal Consultations of the commitment (NACC), and advisory body to the Australian Government.

The Aborigines have persevered as far as Lagos, despite a change of government in Canberra which cut the festival grant by SA40,000 to SA203,500 and thus ensured that Sydney's wital new Black Theatre and the survey of the survey What these governments in Alice Springs. Cherles Per- bella in the Musgrave ranges learn directly from Abori kins, his uncle and the most of the centre, cavings by

old way. The group has been where incidentally Keith

Barramundi, Spirit Heroes of

Junoke Debayo, the action of the Africa Journal in London, had also been to Camberra. The volatile playwright, Wole Soyinka, had been to the Adelside Festival.

For some years Aborigines

own marketing company, funded by the Government.

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Culture cannot be separapeople threatened with ex-Time. Red-winged Parrot, sciously) by a domineering and Spirits of the Dead. culture and political system.

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Britain: hard to choose

by Penny Symon

The Government recently an-

also said it will give financial the festival will be able to submitted. support for two of the items attend.
scheduled, but the organizers Mr in Britain are disappointed man of the British festival ties of origin into separate television in 1973, street.

The Government recently and the festival's governing Entrants have to be resinounced its intention to pay body in Nigeria has agreed dents of Britain; and the the \$10,000 registration fee to provide money for the selectors had a difficult time for the United Kingdom's fares for between 40 and 50 choosing from the fascinated leaves to be feeting to the feeting to t

racial society, is not showing larger contingent. About 70 Cameron says. "As far as problem of a faltering marnore generous financial some paid for by the intercented to send a its own contribution." Mr Talk, which deals, with the Ladbroke Grova, and centres, more generous financial some paid for by the intercented, this is first and forewas appointed resident who has just left school with assistance to its black people mational committee, some most the British entry. Some dramatist at the Royal Court several O levels and is look. The faction of the people came to live for 1974.

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choosing from the fascinating array of paintings, sculpdelegation to the festival in participants from Britain, ing array of paintings, sculp-but not everybody whose ture, pottery, plays, poems, The British Council has work has been accepted for illus and music which were

His experience there formed the basis of The Museum

be performed, and is one of in Britain to come together the items being supported by for the first time—from Mr Abbensetts, who was actresses such as born in Guyana, came to Singuineau. Oscar England in 1963, and for Lucita Lijertwood four years worked in the Frank Scott-Wilkinson and Norman Beaton, to those still at drama school such as Har-





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Senegal: proclaiming negritude

by Abdou Cissé

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the forthcoming gathering, side: "We have allowed was speaking through them to charge the English the minter, and that yet them to charge the English the minter, and that yet the fide has a state (ECOWAS).

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same statement: "This is to bad made a name for them-be a festival of negritude." the French intelligence is for the first time the main questioning the alleged bare.

The difference arose be-

bevent, but as for the sym.

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Negro culture, it is only courting of renowned opponants, such as Wole Soyinka fixed to black people, black who, during the first festive people discussing among val in 1966, coined the most themselves, which all the biting condemnation of negritive fexceptions, have very well of exceptions, have very well understood.

"So we said that if this rule were respected, that is the the symposium be re
Coltural hegemony.

Hence, too, his successful to make a film about the whose work is of an equally to make a film about the problems of the new generation of black people in Britain—the children who were born here.

Samuel Selvon, the Trinidadian novelist and playwright, was co-script writer with Horace Ové. They carried out extensive research in the Ladbroke Grove area, well established but to make a film about the problems of the new generation of black people in Britain—the children who were born here.

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The most edifying detail so Marcus Garvey, Léopold Sédar Senghor, Aimé Césaire far voiced by non-Senghor- and Léon Gontrand Damas ists alone, slipped out in the bad made a name for them-

and civilization. cause our Nigerian brothers wanted to turn this world festival of Negro arts into a pan-African festival?" the statement said. "We said no. The Pan-African Festival is organized by the Organization of African Unity and it is in effect, a manifestation of Africanity, with its dual aspect of Arabness and pegricude But this is to be a Today, although he admits

The very next morning.

Senegal's Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs.

just managed to catch the flight to the Ivory Coast capital, where he was received by President Houphouët-Boigny. Then he proceeded to Lagos to revitalize the tenuous links established when President Senehor sent to the senehor sent that Dr Diop said he himself of iob. But that was more a matter of morbid speculation "I even have every reason and matter of morbid speculation to believe that the Nigerian head than real interest in the issue.

Not having followed, or having followed, or having got lost in, the vicis-situdes of the Second World Festival of Black and African Arts the punters simply failed to grasp that it was the punters simply failed to grasp that it was the president Sengthor earlier can friends, hastened to form the forthcoming gathering, who was speaking through them to charge the English when West African Sha minister and shar Sene.

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Zambia: jigsaw puzzle

easy in countries such as Zambia to think up a culture almost as quickly as a minister for culture comes and goes—mainly in countries that lost most of it after the

Perhaps the threat of Mr Luba empire of I remaps the threat of Mr Luga empire of and Smith's hostile Government to the south, an empire did not ke trenched and mocking expatriate community within guese and missing the southern and hast inches transport which has transport which has transport which has transport to the southern and hast transport which has transport to the southern and hast transport which has transport to the southern and hast transport to the southern and hast transport to the southern and the south that lost most of it after the arrival of semi-literate Europeans, carpet-baggers and missionaries in the nine-teenth century. Zambians in general use the word "culture" very loosely indeed.

To some Zambians it could be a way of dancing at a shebeen; to others, offering guests perhaps a little more than they can eat or drink.

A deeply hospitable and friendly people, Zambians in the country's small, tin hut towns into the countryside.

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the country's small, tin but seventeenth centi towns into the countryside did not cross d Apart from a handful of They headed so goes away empty.

That is one aspect of a museums it is certainly not culture. It should really be called "way of life".

Zambia is a young country. Despite its vast characterless capital, Lusaka.

Belgium and The Nether since independence an amazular despite the size of france, larges put together) it is still ing arount of good work.

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lands put together) it is still ing amount of good work tural parallels, discovering itself in a way has been carried out by field in which the countries such as Nigeria, researchers, social anthro- all add up to a Ghana, Senegal (and even pologists and students of the Idi Amin's Uganda) do not oral tradition.

As late as 1965 au Iron more weight to and Age site was discovered in of African unit Southern Rhodesia showing Organization of Unity. semlements (and fairly intri-

fairly unknown but their writing was of a high stendard, are sending work, and the Radical Alliance of Poets, who work at the Black Theatre of Brixton, will be performing. northern Zembas and south- it came he relied ernment has taken pains to Since then he discover what unites his highly successful

musically, the selection is exciting. Peter King, the jazz musician, and Iam Hall and Philip Ramocon, the classical musicians, will perform. The British Council is supporting Osibisa, the superb Afro-rock band, whose roots stretch back to main tribal groupings. Bambe of it Zambia's all main tribal groupings. Bambe of it Zambia's all supporting Using band, but to two of the country's But as me pound of the country's But as me pound of the country's But as me pound of it Zambia's of the time when Teddy Osei, and Lozi.

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continued from previous and found a group of teen-agers living in a derelict basement. Much of the film was based on their experi-

to get the message Herbert Norville, appear in the film. plays Tony, came to Britain plays Tony, came to Britain from Guyana in 1962 when he was five, and hos appeared in several television productions, as well as the film Bugsy Maione.

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Donald Locke, from Guy-ane, won a British Council scholarship in 1954 to Bath-Academy of Art, and in 1964 graduated from Edinburgh University with an honours degree in fine art. He taught in Guyana before leaving in 1971 to live in England.

the Keskidee Arts Centre in have been acclaimed at exhi- North London.

Aubrey Williams, whose painting is being exhibited, was born in Guyana, and lived for two years with a children's books, and is a primitive Indian ribe, the Sue Jane Smock, who is phone, was playing with a existed a powerful Luba polosists and scis Warrau, in the Guyanan exhibiting woodcuts, is from group called the Comets in kingdom along the Luslaba its course and jungle while he was working New Orleans, and has exhi-

from there to Marseilles. He escaped over the Pyrenees, arriving in England in 1941.

Sculptures by Cyprian Mandala, Donald Locke and Taiwo Jegede are also being exhibited. Cyprian Mandala was born in Rhodesia, and says that he is inspired by an urge to provide contemporary interpretations of African mythological folklore and forms.

Donald Locke, from Guyana, won a British Council Service. He escaped over the Pyrenees, painted intensively during States, Europe and Britain, Eric Grant, from Jamaica, runs a pottery studio in London, and will show work at the festival. His pottery has been exhibited, and individual pieces of work have been bought by private collectors all over the world. In a country without a great tradition of literacy culturists, carlle festival. His pottery has been exhibited, and individual pieces of work have been bought by private collectors all over the world. In a country without a great tradition. The similarities Kaunda relied he between the country's tribes, Simon Kapwepa, and word and powerful like the Civil Service. He escaped over the Pyrenees, painted intensively during States, Europe and Britain. Eric Grant, from Jamaica, runs a pottery studio in London, and will show work at the festival. His pottery has been exhibited, and individual pieces of work have been bought by private collectors all over the world. In a country without a great tradition. The similarities Kaunda relied he between the country's tribes, Simon Kapwepa, large and powerful like the Country in the post of the fascinating that time. He now lectures in fine art (painting) at Exeter College of Art in Devoa.

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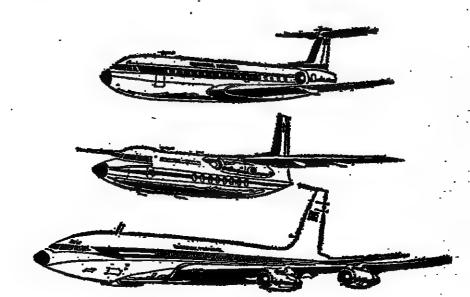
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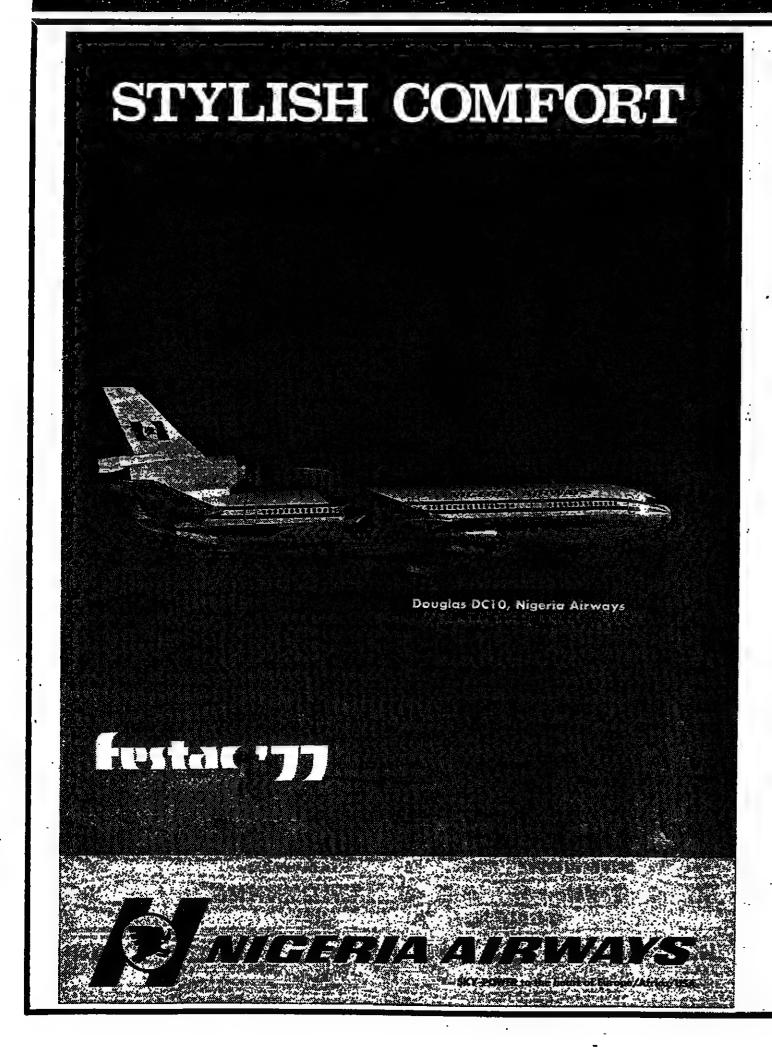
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and Whitehall circles id for a new breed of iministrator. But its s very different from and fashionable fusion gerial science and analysis that pro-1960's critique with its preference for rele-

vance", whatever that meant. It the Fulton report. A career that the number of able people, of whatever social or educational background, capable of formulating policy in increasingly trying national and international circumstances and of running the vast concerns necessary to give effect to those policies, is limited, should be cherished, and nurtured wherever it is found and trained and used to best advantage. Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, former Head of the Home Civil Service, used to call such people "firemen".

Over the next year, plans may be laid for the foundation of a new staff college to sharpen the faculties of such men and women during their middle thirties in preparation for the most senior and demanding posts. Nothing firm has emerged as yet. The scheme is no more than a gleam in the eyes of some ministers and a handful of permanent secretaries. Its scope could be as wide as the public sector or it could involve a joint venture with private industry, extending existing courses which take place on a small scale at assistant

sacretary level. It was not only nineteenth century romantics who compared the efforts of the Fulton committee unfavourably with its seminal predecessor, the two-man team of Sir Stafford Northcote and Sir Charles Trevelyan, whose legacy was so inappropriately derided in the opening lines of

springs instead from a realization Civil Service, free of political and any other form of patronage, acting as an impartial referee in the "nightwatchman state" which flourished before the era of state intervention was begun by Mr Asquith represents a fine tradition whose achievements should not be belittled. More modern critics of corporatism might also recoil from a public service with dirigisme built-in through training. But the size of the public sector, which is unlikely to diminish substantially, however determined future Conservative governments might be, demands for its successful management skills beyond the most speculative imaginings of Northcote and Trevelyan. If, as a nation, we are going to be dirigiste to any degree at all, we

might as well do it properly.

Money is scarce. A new Public Service Staff College might seem a luxurious superfluity until the oil revenue begins to flow. But the Cabinet is only too well aware of the need for a less sluggish public sector if economic recovery is to be sustained beyond a temporary oil boom. Nor would ministers undervalue preater flair and application in their departmental policy divisions generally. Funds for a staff college would be money well spent, Its foundation should be a Prime Ministerial initiative and its work invested with the prestige, if not the social cachet, of the legendary Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris.

EXECUTION OF MR GILMORE

or us in Britain to pass on the United States, its component states, ing the ultimate sancsital punishment in its f penalties for serious is for each country to itself whether or not ich a sanction, and the Britain has in practice not entirely in theory) the death penalty t make us think that ar country has a duty same. It is essential, that those countries

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ilmore was the first o be executed in the tes for a decade. Since have been a series of s aimed at establishpatitutional status of mishment. The aboli-States Supreme Court-umber of death sen-be violations of the n's prohibition of nd unusual punish-he majority of the

because of the capricious and haphazard effect of the laws in force at the time and did not see the death penalty as such as unconstitutional. A number of states therefore altered their laws to remove the elements which offended against the constitution, while retaining the penalty itself: In July last year the Supreme Court held that go-anead to the resumption of indicial executions.

Mr Gilmore was sentenced to death after that decision. In spite of the various dramatic events leading up to his execution, he had only to wait just over three months between the sentence being imposed and its being carried out, and that period would have been shorter in the absence of interventions by a number of people and agencies, all acting contrary to his wishes.

ise appeared to have rictory when, in 1972, in "death rows all over the States Supreme Court: country, the wait has been considerably longer. Some of them have faced the possibility of execution for up to 10 years, although many no doubt thought, especially after the 1972 decision. wever, took that view that the prospect of the sentence

being carried our was small. The Gilmore execution has now made it clear that last July's Supreme Court decision was not mere theory. The legal and psychological barrier to its being applied in practice has now been conquered and it will inevitably become easier to perfor executions from now on.

Those states with prisoners such reconstituted state laws under sentence of death ought were valid, in effect giving the not, however, to treat it as a not, however, to treat it as a signal for clearing their own death rows. They ought to look very carefully at the circumstances surrounding every prisoner under threat of execution before taking the final step. In particular they should not consider for execution anyone whose sentence pre-dates the decision of last July. There is an element of retrospectivity about exacting that penalty from someone who committed a crime at a time when, in practice, the death sentence was not in operation in the United States. The civilized world should not be outraged at the resumption of execution as such. It will take a different attitude if states are seen to be applying the penalty to those who have already suffered the pro-longed agony of waiting for repeatedly deferred execution.

HOULD NOT BE BLACKENED, BUT IS RED

two separate issues to be examined at Executive Committee o be held tomorrow AND KADE mpt to sort out the the appointment of a Mr Andy Bevan. as uth officer. The first bjection from the mion of Labour Organthe post should have ne of their members. such positions to be at to them and to be outside only if there

le NULO candidate. in is understandable e with very restricted ortunities, but it is not it is wise for any polito concede. Success appointment depends personality than upon of service in the party n. The best candidate from any one of a different backgrounds ensible course is to e choice as little as ons of conscience to having to struggle against the

the closed shop, to expect the disruptive influence of such chosen candidate to become a member of NULO, but not to insist that a person must be already a member in order to become a candidate. Moreover, even if NULO's case is to be conceded for the future, that is no reason why it should invalidate Mr Bevan's selection, which was made according to the procedures in force at the time.

The other, quite distinct, objection to Mr Bevan's appointment concerns his political allegiance. It is not that he is a Marxist in the sense that he has studied and draws intellectual nourishment from the teachings of Karl Marx. The point can too easily be obscured by fastening on this narrow, if more precise. use of the word. The objection rather that Mr Bevan has political attitudes and has been a supporter of political forces that are alien to the Labour Party. As a confessed Trotskyist he has been to all intents and purposes a subversive element t is reasonable in the within its ranks. Labour agents rty, where there are up and down the country are

intruders and it is entirely justifiable that they should resent the appointment of one of them to a post of authority at Transport House. It is like soldiers under seige being asked. suddenly to accept the command of one of the enemy. There is much more at stake,

though, than the morale of the party organizers. If Labour is to continue to be a party command-ing mass support in this country it must not fall under the domination of extremists, If it is not to fall under the domination of extremists-and by extremists in this context one does not mean those simply with a taste for rather more nationalization—they must not be appointed to positions of influence with the power of patronage. Any appointment of that nature is an encouragement to others of similar inclination. It is a discouragement to those of moderate views who all too often are reluctant to make a stand. But if the war within the party is to be won every little battle must be contested every inch of the way.

Hluence eneral Secretary of the

editorial of January 6, ter-Fabians ", you main-e institute of Economic eccouraged departures and social policy which e would now condemn c and misanthropic than . You congratulate them cus chosen to study and have a similar influence at of the much older abian Society. But this se their publicity with ce and with a real conthe debate. It is always

propose simple solu-complex problems and gest that the problems ities are far more come IEA have often cared new publication, Not ilence, the IEA suggest ownent can be attacked creasing labour mobility union monopoly and

practices, ending rent spersing ownership of es and retraining labour. mple! aggest that the state of cets which buy from us.

the net inflow or outflow of capital, industrial innovation and invest-ment, the stability of commodity markets and the world economy are all also parameters whose effects are much greater than that of "union monopoly". They are, though, much more difficult to identify, document, quantify and "condemn". The IEA thus appears to plump for the eye-catching and simple though not necessarily the significant—factors.

For many years, the strength of Fabian proposals has been partly because we have not been airaid to discuss the more complex and difficult issues which affect the economy and partly because we have seen and accepted the link between economic and social factors. The IEA's rendency to exclude the latter and concentrate solely on economic variables means that the solutions proposed are wrong and cannot be successful.

It is unrealistic to ignore the job insecurity which accompanied (and would again accompany if the IEA had its way) a freer market economy, or to pretend that working people are willing to pay the price for any resultant growth, the for any resultant growth, the advantages of which are not guaranteed to accrue to them. Restrictive practices of the past are not necessarily a sign of a selfish or myopic workforce, but are a natural reaction to being treated as a cog in the

economic wheel. Ignoring the justified demands of all people to be able to have some security and to look ahead without fear is just one example of IEA authors' lack of understanding of the real world, and of their failure, Adam Smith like, to examine the psychological, social and institutional reasons behind our economic performance. Their ideas are given credence because in a time of national failure it is easy to believe our problems can be solved by simple, sledge hammer techniques.

Our own approach, which takes account of the quality as well as the quantity of public expenditure. of the distribution of income and wealth, of the decision-making apparatus within industry and of the control planning and encouragement of investment, is a far more relevant contribution to the national debate and future, and a contribu-tion which will lead to consensus rather than confrontation.

Yours faithfully. DIANNE HAYTER, General Secretary, Fabian Society, 11 Dartmouth Street, SW1.

Towards a new

economic order From Lady Jackson of Lodsworth Sir, Nothing perhaps in the economic relations between world's peoples over the last eighteen months has been more depressing and discouraging than the contrast between the continuous talk about a new economic order, the long official sessions, the tides of rhetoric, the oceans of print on the one hand and on the other, the complete failure of the developed and developing governments to agree on a single major point Most of them would agree that the continuing division of world wealth on a 70-30 basis—30 per cent for the 70 per cent who are poor, 70 per cent for the 30 per cent who are rich—is hardly a permanent or peaceful basis for an interdependent world economy. Yet this general perception cannot, it seems, be transformed into concrete agreement and action. Using a nineteenth century analogy, one could say that the rich cannot bring themselves either to repeal the Corn Laws or

to pass the Factory Acts. It is to counter this depressing deadlock that Mr Robert McNamara, President of the World Bank, made the following proposal in a speech given in Boston on January 14 [reported in The Times the next

"In view of the continuing impasse at official levels, it seems to me that the chances of reaching such an understanding might be improved if a high-level, but deliberately unofficial, commission were organized to analyse the problem, and to recommend action to be taken by both developed and developing nations. Such a private commission should clearly be drawn from individuals—from both the rich and the poor nations—who have either had practical political experience in dealing with develop-ment issues, or who have demonstrated outstanding professional comperence in development econo-mics. The chairman and convener of such a commission oughe to be a person of the great political experience and sisture, say, of a Willy Brandt, the former Chan-cellor of the Federal Republic of Germany."

May we hope that governments, international agencies, non-governmental organizations concerned with development and indeed all interested citizens will give their support to this imaginative concept of bringing in a new world of imperial and expert leadership to redress the belance of the old world of nationally entrenched

Yours faithfully BARBARA WARD JACKSON, President, International Institute for invironment and Development. Chairman, Society for International 27 Mortimer Street, Wil. January 14.

Plight of the Banabans

From Mr Frank Hooley, MP for Sheffield, Heeley (Labour) Sir, The plight of the Banabans first came to my attention nearly 10 years ago, when I was invited to look into their difficulties by my own church, the Methodists. was considerably shocked by the information I managed to unearth by parliamentary question and discussions with Ministers, and not surprised to discover that this squalid story had provoked criticism in the Commons from Members on both sides of the House over a long period of years.

It must be almost unique in colonial history that a tiny community of about 2,000 souls should have the very land they lived ou excavated from under their feet, for the profit and benefit of three of the richest countries in the world, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. The specious briefs sup-plied by FCO officials and their predecessors to a long line of Ministers cannot excuse the sordid exploitation of these people, now exposed to public gaze by the forthright terms of the Megarry judgment, and I concur with every word of the eloquent article by Sir Bernard Braine in yester-day's Times (January 10).

I hope, in fact, that the existence of pressure from both sides of the House of Commons (which is both sincere and determined) will cause the Government in Sir Bernard's words "to deal generously with the Banabans, both financially and politically " so that the United Kingdom may relinquish with honour, not dis-grace, our last responsibility in the South Pacific. Australia and New Zealand have a moral, if not a legal, responsibility too, and as Paci-fic powers an even stronger incen-tive to make Ocean Island a bealed wound not a festering sore in that part of the world. Yours faithfully,

FRANK HOOLEY, House of Commons. January 11.

The Christmas break

From Mr H. P. Croom-Johnson Sir, On what grounds does Mr Lionel J. Lewis (January 5) claim that pillar of the business com-munity, the late Mr Ebenezer Scrooge, for a member of his own profession? We know that Mr Scrooge was apprenticed in Mr Fezziwig's warehouse, that his name was good upon 'Change for anything he chose to put his hand to, that he was an excellent man of business, that after Marley's death the name of the firm Scrooge and Marley remained painted above their own warehouse door, that Marley's Ghost referred to their counting house as "our money-changing hole", and that during Scrooge's dreams a phantom busi-nessman suggested that on his death Scrooge had left his money to "his Company"; but there is no reference to his having read law or been admitted a solicitor, distinguished, or otherwise. His having been Marley's sole executor and administrator is not evidence enough. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, H. P. CROOM-IOHNSON.

3A Rayenscourt Square, W6.

Unions and the conditions of freedom

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Professor L. C. Knights Sir, I expect you are flooded with letters protesting against the deci-sion of the executive of the Union of Post Office Workers to boycott all communications with South Africa—and I mean letters from people who are quite as strongly opposed to apartheid as the trade union leaders themselves. May I

briefly make two points? (1) Large firms with an interest in preserving the status quo in South Africa will find little difficulty in circumventing the boycott: it is easy enough, if you have the money, to post and to receive letters across the Channel. The chief sufferers will be South African opponents of apartheid—there are very many of them—who will be even more discouragingly cut off from the outside world than they are at present. This was a point made by many (though certainly not all) of the contributors to the symposium on a cultural boycott of South Africa in Index on Censorship (Spring and Summer, 1975), and on the basis of recent experience it seems to me a valid one.

(2) When a section of the population, even with the best of motives. virtually takes over the functions of a democratically elected government, it is in fact contributing to the erosion of freedom that is perhaps the most marked, as it is certainly the most terrifying, aspect of current history-in-the-making. That current history-in-the-making. That erosion—too mild a word, as members of Amnesty International well know—must concern us all. But that concern should not express itself; in ways that in the long run will certainly be destructive of the ends which such means are intended to express the symmetry technique. to serve. The arm-twisting technique can be adopted not only by those who are "right" in their aims but by the self-righteous, the fanatical and the self-interested. It is a

Incidentally, it would be interest ing to know whether the POW executive has considered similar action against all countries where asic human rights are as effectively denied as they are in South Africa. The list is rether a long one, and consideration of it might persuade the officials concerned to pursue their laudable ends by more laudable means.

Yours truly, L. C. KNIGHTS, 57 Jesus Lane, Cambridge. January 14.

From Professor B. A. Wortley, QC Sir, Thank you for your leader on "The conditions of freedom" (Janu-

coming the main function of newspapers now that we have already heard most of the news on the radio or TV. If honest comment is killed the newspapers will no longer be viable and the jobs they

ary 15). Informed comment is be-

provide will surely disappear ! Yours faithfully, B. A. WORTLEY, 24 Gravel Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

January 15. From Dr I. A. Richards, CH Sir, Must I defer to what my typist thinks before I send this letter to you? Faithfully,

I. A. RICHARDS, Magdalene College, Cambridge. January 14.

From Mr S. Sill Johnston Sir, What a remarkable week it has been for Britain-and for me. The miners have perotiated an increase in the price of my coal.

The bread delivery men have ensured that my loaf is to cost more

rather than less. The printers have prevented publi-cation of my daily newspaper.

The Post Office union has decided that my letter to South Africa shall not go.

The Government has saddled me with a further massive loan.
And now, I suppose, I am knocking Britain? am, yours faithfully,

s. SILL JOHNSTON, Fern Cottage, The Street, Wonersh, January 14.

From Mr. J. H. S. Arkush Sir, What a glorious start to 1977 I Mr Foot is prepared to overlook the suspension of civil liberties in India. The Foreign Office feels that it would not be right to comment on the release of the terrorist Abu Daoud. The Prime Minister declines to meet Vladimir Bukovsky and on the same day makes known his own highly idiosyncratic views on the freedom of the press.

If this Government indeed represents the views of ordinary working people in this country as it claims so to do, they should hang their heads in shame. Yours, etc

JONATHAN H. S. ARKUSH, 16 Crooked Usage, Finabley, N3.

Right of trial by jury From His Honour Judge Starforth Hill, QC

Sir, While appreciating the argument in support of there being the right of trial by jury for anyone charged

with fact, however petry, namely, that 12 good citizens may come to a more just decision (where the issues are delicately belanced) than a smaller number of trained and experienced magistrates, this has never been proved to be so, and I doubt if it is

There is, however, a powerful argument against allowing such a right of trial, namely, that jurors (who are not to be regarded as just pawns in the game) including hard-working and busy men and women are finding themselves more and more summoned away from their work for jury service only to find that it entails deciding whether a fellow citizen stole a bar of some or two lemons, In such circum stances the sest to render public service at the expense of their working time will surely flag, and the whole system may be in

Furthermore, consider the cost to the taxpayer of trial by jury where the issue is the theft of two lemons the issue is the task of two ismons—the jury must be paid, the solicitor must be paid, and the counsel (who is obligatory) must be paid. The total cost is staggering. Finally, it seems to be forgotten that there is always the right of appeal from conviction at the hands magistrates to the Crown Court which takes the form of a complete rehearing of all the evidence and any additional evidence sought to

Yours faithfully, I. STARFORTH HILL, Tulls Hill, Preston Candover, Hampshire, January 15.

From Mrs Joan B. Wheeler-Bennett Sir, The Chairman of the Bar writes (January 10) that justice for the before a jury than before magis-trates. He suggests that a defendant is less likely to receive the benefit of the doubt from one, two or three magistrates than from a jury of 12 or 10, and so he believes the existing right to trial should be

Hereditary peerages From Mr William Douglas-Home

The truth is that Mr Heath, or

separate groups, one of which is considered to be unfitted to per-

How much better it would be if all peers were hereditary, or none. To argue which of those two choices is the best is not my purpose here, but only to suggest that either would be an improvement on the present situation. am: Sir, yours, WILLIAM DOUGLAS-HOME, Drayton House, Hampshire. January 11.

its own civilian population into the

Palestinian rights From Miss Elizabeth Monroe and

Sir Harold Beeley Sir, Three Arab families dispossessed, as cited by the Dean of St George's Jerusalem today (Letters, January 7), is-alas- not the only instance of Israeli infringement of human rights. The creeping annexation that is in progress through the founding of Israeli villages in occupied territory is another. The Arab side of the "Green Line" that divides Israel from the occupied area is being eaten into day by day.

To give you only the most recent examples: three new settlements in occupied territory are being established by the Kibbutz Federation in January 1977 alone. Two are in the Dead Sea region, to be called Mitz-pah Shalom and Kaliah respectively. The third is Sukkot in the Rafah approaches south of Gaza. There is now a cluster of four kibbutzim north of the Dead Sea which (I quote Al Hamishmar of December 20) "intensifies Jewish presence in

Yet Israel in 1949, while Jewish experience of Hitler's malpractices was fresh, was stridently in favour of, signed and ratified the applicable Geneva Convention on the rights of civilians. This expressly states that "the Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of follows elso that the guilty defen-dant is more likely to be acquitted (which although less important than

ations of the James Committee.
But, even if he is correct,

preserved despite the recommend-

clearing the innocent is neverthe-less important), that the process of law will be slower, that more people will wait longer in prison for their trial, that the taxpayer will bear greater expense, and that lawyers will have more work. In my years' experience on the

mngistrate who was not acutely aware of where the burden of proof ingly prepared to dismiss any case that was not proved beyond reason-

I am convinced that a magistrates' court is as just as common sause can make it and that the James Committee made sensible recommendations to expand its work and reduce trials by jury.
Yours faithfully,
JOAN E. WHEELER-BENNETT,
3 Queen's Ride, SW13.

Sir, The enthusiasm of the Managing Director of Debretts Peerage Ltd (what a title in itself!) for the aristocracy may be excessive, but his argument is sound (Letters, January 10). Of course life peerages are

The truth is that Mr Heath, or whoever it was who thought that to create no more hereditary peers would be democratic (if one can use the word in that context at all), got it all wrong. In fact, nothing could be less democratic than to divide the House of Lords into two petuate its membership.

HAROLD BEELEY, 56 Montagu Square, WL

territory it occupies."

ELIZABETH MONROE,

Yours truly,

The majority for EEC From Mr T. M. H. Scott Sir, Mr David Wood's article in your today's issue (January 10) is most timely. Never within living memory have the British people expressed their political will so positively and independently as when they voted in favour of joining the European Community. The majority was overwhelming; it was composed of people from all parties. Yet the politicians go on as if little had happened but a bare decision to go in. When will they realise that for Britain to be prosperous they must build on those things which unite rather than divide the majority of the people? The most patent of these, amply

and democratically evidenced, is the desire to promote wholeheartedly the development of Europe. Yours faithfully. T. M. H. SCOTT. 236 Banstead Road, Banstead, Şштеу.

Coal in the Vale of Belvoir

From the Duke of Rutland Sir, Mr Frear's recent letter (December 23) referring to David Wood's article on coal mining in the Vale of Belvoir (December 21) shows a lack of understanding of the problems of the countryside and its local industries: He puts great emphasis on the Coal Board's ability . , to hide, on the basis of three pits (not denied by the Coal Board) of up to four and a half million tons of spoil a year, by grassing over or contouring.

This would still seriously affect the topography and character of this area of outstanding natural beauty and high agricultural production. Three large pits with all the subsequent effect on the local environment of increased traffic, wider roads, larger population and inevitable dereliction and subsidence would, in effect, destroy the Vale.

Unemployment in the Melton district is low and in the East Midlands as a whole is below the national average. Mining families coming into the area would in fact be competing with local labour, thus worsening the employment situation. (Recruitment of miners at the present time is declining).

But the real crux of the matter is whether there will be an energy gap. at the end of this century.

The Gas Board and the Electrical Trades Union and an ever-increasing body of expert opinion believe this could be a myth. There is also increasing evidence that the Coal Board target of 135 to 150 million tons of coal per annum by the year 2000 will be uncompetitive in price in relation to other energy, and

difficult to sell at home or abroad. The chief market for coal is the Central Electricity Generating Board and Sir Arthur Hawkins, the Chairman, has said that he will not burn coal where other fuels were cheaper. Also, our present nuclear power stations are now making a cheap and effective contribution, and for the first time are producing more electricity than oil fired

Productivity in the mines is on the decline, and the Coal Board is not reaching its present production

Therefore, why open up, at huge capital cost, new mines, when the coal required for many years to come could be produced from the present mining areas with their proven reserves, if greater producivity were achieved.

Finally, the retirement of miners at 60 years of age would mean the loss of 80,000 out of the 240,000 man by 1980, and would, in the National Coal Board's words-" force the industry to contract at a time when it is planned to expand ". Yours etc. RUTLAND,

Chairman, Leicestershire County Council, Belvoir Castle, January 13.

Cannabis leaves

From Mr Julian M. Jacobs 🕔 Sir, Mr Aithen (January 151 is incorrect in suggesting that campable leaves are specifically excluded from the scheme of international congol under the United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Leaves are excluded from the definition of cannabis. However, Article 28 paragraph 3 of the same document states, "The parties shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to prevent the misuse of, and illicit traffic in, the leaves of the cannabis plant.

I make no comment on the logic of the convention but merely wish to put the record straight. Yours faithfully,

J. M. JACOBS, The Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, 109 Lambeth Road, SE1. January 17.

Napoleon's coat

From Miss Margery Weiner Sir, Dr Yarrow's attractive theory (Letter, January 14) will not unfortunately pass muster. Nice-Matin, reporting the sale, described the coat as very dark green with red facings and brass buttons, the uniform of a colonel of the chasseurs a cheval de la garda, habitually worn by the Emperor and in which he is buried. According to Frédéric Masson, the great Napoleonic authority, on ceremonial occasions the Emperor wore the dark blue coat with white lapels and red cuffs of the grenadiers de la garde.

The testimony of Marchand, first valet de chambre, whose Memoirs were published only in 1952, must be conclusive about the diamonds. None were sewn into either a coat or cloak, but had been placed in a secret drawer of his dressing case, whence they were seized by the 15th Silesian regiment who captured the carriage, nor did they apparently fall into Blücher's predatory bands.

The Emperor's carriage, sent as a gift to the Prince Regent, was purchased by Mr Bullock of the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, and sub-sequently by Madame Tussaud, to be destroyed by the fire of 1925. A letter from Mr Bullock, quoted in the Exhibition Catalogue for 1888, includes the following sentence: "The diamonds found in the carriage of Napoleon at Waterloo were purchased by Mr Mawe, diamond merchant in the Strand, from Barou von Keller, the officer who captured them."

Whether or no the coar sold at Monte Carlo was worn by Napoleon at Waterloo and how it came into the possession of the Blücher family yet remains to be told. That it is not to be in France is sad, but I find some small consolation that in 1815 Marshal Blücher lost a million and a half francs in the gambling hells of Paris. I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours, etc, MARGERY WEINER, 5 Lower Lake, Battle, East Sussex January 15.



COURT **CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM
January 17: The Queen held a
Council at Buckingham Palace at
12.40 o'clock this afternoon. There were present: the Right Hon Michael Foot, MP (Lord President), the Baroness Liewelyn-Davies of Hastoe (Captain of the Gentleman-at-Arms), the Right Hon Merlyn Rees, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department) and the Right Hon Samuel Silkin, MP (Attorney-General).

Dr Dickson Mabon, MP (Minister of State, Department of Energy), Mr Robert Sheldon, MP (Financial Secretary, Treastry), Mr David Steel, MP (Leader of the Liberal Party), Mr Donald Stewart, MP (Leader of the Parliamentary Scottish National Party) and Mr Alan Williams, MP (Minister of State, Department of (Minister of State, Department of Industry) were sworn in Members of Her Majesty's Most Honour-able Privy Council.

Mr Neville Leigh was in atten-dance as Clerk of the Council. The Right Hon Michael Foot, MP, had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

A memorial service for Lord Forester will be held at All Saints Church, Broseley, on Monday, January 24th, at 2.30 pm.

The Hon Mrs. Peter Lauritzen gave birth to a son in Venice on Friday. A memorial service for Dr Harold Darke, will be held at St Michael's Church, Cornhill, on Monday, February 14, at 12.30 pm

A memorial service for Mr R. G. C. Levens, fellow and untor of Merton College, 1923-1968, will be held in the chapel at Merton College, Oxford, on January 29, at 12.15 pm,

Birthdays today

Lord Boyrden, 67; Lord Buckton, 31; Sir James T. Henderson, 76; Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mayor, 61; l.ord Seebokm, 69; Sir Michael Stewart, 66; Sir Reginald Terrell,

Today's engagements

The Duchess of Kent launches bulk carrier for Welsh Ore Carriers, Austin and Pickerszili shippard, Sunderland, 2.30. Exhibition: Tressures of the print room, acquisitions 1975-1976, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-6. Lunchtime talk: Mr Enoch Powell

speaks on patriotism, St Lew-rence Jewry, next Guildhall, 1.15. Lunchtime music: Musica Da Camera, Roger Lord, obos, Kerry Camden, bassoon, Hubert Dawkes, piano, Bishopsgate Hall, City, 1.05-1.50.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Calvocoressi was christ-coed Carolina Eunice at 31 Green Street, on Friday, January 14. Mr David Gordon-Dean and the Rev John Kidd officiated, Dr Frank Lake gave an address. The godparents are Lord Hylton, Mr John Kirwan, Miss Yolanda Calvocoressi, Mrs Anthony Lloyd, and Mrs Simon Barrington-Ward.

Latest appointments

Lates: appointments include:
Brigadier C. S. Wallis-King,
Brigadier General Staff (intelligence), Ministry of Defence, to be
Director of Service Intelligence,
in February, in the rank of majorgeneral, in succession to RearAdmiral W. N. Ash.
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Brigadier E. A. Burgers, Director of Army Recruiding, to be Director of Combar Development (Army) in April, in the rank of majorgeneral, in succession to Major-General A. H. Farrar-Hockley. General A. H. Farrar-Hockiey.
Brigadier H. A. J. Rezy, consultant adviser in paediatrics, to be Commandam and Postgraduate Desa, Royal Army Medical College, Mithbank, as a majorgeneral, in July, in succession to Major-General H. S. Gavourin, who is to retire. who is to retire.

Brigadier G. H. W. Howlett, Com-mander 16th Parachote Brigade, to be Director of Army Recruiting in February, in succession to Brigadier E. A. Burgess.

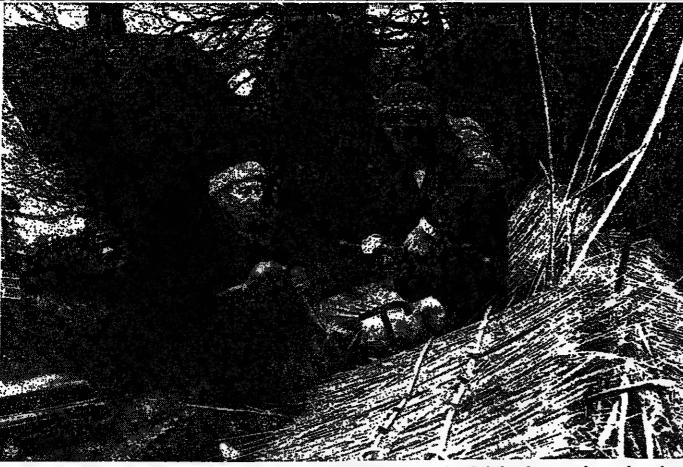
Miss Ame Mackie manager, comployee relations (UK), Unilever, to be a member of the Central Arbitration Committee. Dr R. W. J. Kezy, m be executive secretary of the Royal Society, in succession to the late Sir David Martin.

Martin.
Dr Richard Hoggart to be chairman, drama panel, Arts Council of Great Britain. Mr G. L. Harbottle to be chairman of the council's housing the arts committee, and Mr J. Manduell, chairman of the touring committee, both in succession to Sir John Witt. The following to be member of the Department of the Environment's Clean Air Council:

Clean Air Council:

Mr C. Birch, editor, "Municipal Engineering": Mr D. Farrant, director, Council, of Ironfoundry Associations, Mr D. Gill, director of planning, Humberside County Council: Mr R. Rabbitt. Notlinghamshire County Councillor: Mr R. Reec. Chief Executive, Safford City Council: Mrs J. Saunders, Council, Mrs J. Saunders, Council, Mrs M. Williams, Ogwr Diestric, Council; Mrs M. Williams, Ogwr Diestric, Council; Mrs M. Williams, Ogwr Diestric, Council; Mrs M. Williams, Ogwr

Westminster School The Lent Term begins today. Dr Andrew Brown foins the staff this term. A. J. Newman (Rigaud's) is captain of the school. Dr T. M.



Teaching craft: Mr Edward Anger, of Wanborough, Wiltshire, at work on a barn at Manor Farm, Albourne, where he is teaching the rudiments of his

craft to Mr Laurence Taylor, aged 18, an out-of-work school-leaver, under the Government's work-experience programme. The six-month course will teach Mr Taylor, of Park South,

Swindon, how to select and cut haze rods and identify straws and reeds and decorative features. He is paid £16 a week by the Manpower Services Commission.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. J. A. North and the Hon Carolyn Banbury The engagement is announced be The engagement is announced between Kim, only son of Mr and Mrs T. F. North, of Kemerton, nr. Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, and Carolyn, elder daughter of Lord Banbury of Southam, of Daglingworth Place, Circnester, and Mrs R. O. G. Gardner, of Halnaker Park, Chlouester, West Sussey.

Dr S. StC. Carter
and Miss A. M. Devas
The engagement is announced
between Simon StClair, son of Mr
and Mrs Godfrey Carter of Old
Bournstream House, Wottonunder-Edge, Gloucestershire, and
Annabel Merryday, only daughter
of Mr Michael Devas, of Geneva,
and Mrs Devak Merriett of Johanand Mrs Derek Marriott, of Johan-nesburg.

Mr L J. Craig, RAF
and Miss S. P. Hollowsy
The engagement is announced between Flying Officer John Craig,
son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Craig,
of Maud. Aberdeenshire, and
Suzame, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs C. G. Hollowsy, of Fiset,
Hampshire.

Mr P. N. Davis and Miss S. E. Danielli The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs A. Davis, of Toronto, Canada, and Snzanne Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. F. Danielli, of Denewood, Beaconsfield, Bucking-bamshire.

Mr G. P. F. Inge and Miss J. Leinster and Miss J. Lemster
The engagement is announced between George Patrick Francis, younger son of the late Mr J. W. W. Ings and Mrs A. L. Ings, of The Combe House, Studiand, Dorset, and Juyce, twin daughter of Mr G. D. Leinster, OEE, of Madrid, Spain, and the late Mrs L. Solomon and stepdaughter of Mrs C. E. Leinster.

Mr E, Green and Miss H. Custance Baker

A marriage has been arranged between Edwin, son of Mr F B. Green, AFC, and Mrs Green, of Shadwell, Leeds, and Hilary, daughter of Major and Mrs L. B. H. Custance Baker, of Dipford House, Taunton.

The engagement is amounced between Dominique, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Montier, Paris, France, and Ann, eldest daughter of Mr R. J. P. Vroom, Voorthuisen, Holland, and Mrs J. Vroom, Amersfoort, Holland.

Mr A. R. Neale and Miss A. C. Darroch The marriage of Alastair Rupert Neale, of 10a Portland Road, Lon-don, W11, and Alisa Campbell Daroch, of Ellerslie, 40 Wester-ham Road, Bessel's Green, Seven-oaks, Kent, will take place on March 26 at Christ Church, United Reformed Church, Sevenoak

Mr P. G. Shillington and Miss S. A. Bowden

The engagement is announced between Patrick Graham, younger son of the late Lieutenaut-Colonel and Mrs J. G. Shillington, and Sally Anne, elder daughter of Mrs A. P. Bowden, of Rauby Hall, Lincoln, and the late Mr D. S. Rousier. Mr D. J. West

and Miss S. J. Greenwood

The engagement is announced between David West, of Histon.
Cambridge, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. N. Greenwood, of Heighington, Darlington.

and Miss S. J. Lothian The engagement is announced between Neil younger son of the late Mr W. J. A. White and of Mrs B. White, of Pond Cottage, St. Mary Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Sarah, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs W. Lothian, of Orchard House, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

The engagement is amnounced between George, son of the late Major H. W. W. Hoskyns and of Mrs Hoskyns, of Eastfield House, North Perrott, Crewkerne, Somerset, and Alison Margaret, daughter of the Rev Allan and Mrs Bromptell, of Beaumont, Hervines Bromptell, of Beaumont, Hervines Bromptell, Amersham, Buckinghamshire. Mr M. R. P. Power and Miss V. J. Seller The marriage took place on January 15, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, between Mr Michael Richard Parkes Power and Miss Victoria Jane Seller.

Wales leads in bridge

England made a disastrons start in the home countries international bridge series for the Camrose Cup on Saturday and Sunday, losing all three matches to Wales at Plymouth by margins to Wales at Plymouth by margins and Saturday and Bridge Correspondent writes). In Glasgow, Scotland lost the first match to Northern Ireland by 5–7 but went on to win the next two matches by 12–0 and 7–5.

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L. P. Gordon: R. Smoleki and A. R. Forrester: Miss N. Gardener and lurs 8. Landy: non-playing captain, E. C. Mines, Wales: J. Sallsbury and R. Upton; M. J. Todd and Dr J. Marck, C. C. Smith and Dr J. Ballor: non-playing captain, M. Powell. Scotland: J. M. Marclaren and T. Culbartson: B. D. Short and A. H. Duncan; E.

A. E. Roveloy B. Churney. G. G. Endrout. J. H. Hill (North-west). 192; 2. G. Cookins. A. N. Gordon. R. Sharples. J. Sarples. Middlesex). 188; 3. B. Norries. A. J. Baires. R. G. Moore, T. Guthbert (North-west). 179.

25 years ago From The Times of Thursday, Jan 17, 1952. Paris, Jan 16 .- With all the splen-Paris, Jan 16.—With all the splendour and solemnity of a state funeral, in which five allied nations were associated, France and the French Union today rendered their last homage to Marshal de Lattre de Tassigny, raised to the rank of Marshal of France, the honour and credit of which he posthumously revives, by the vote of Parliament and the approval of

Latest wills

Bequest to surgeons Lady Wood, widow of Sir Robert Wood, of Chichester, left £28,157 net. After bequests of £5,700 she left the residue to the Royal Col-lege of Surgeons of England. net. After bequests of £5,700 she sugden will give the Tizard Lecture on March 3. The Confirmation service will be taken by the Right Rev Launcelot Fleming on March 9. The school concert will take place in the abbey on March 21 and term ends on March 25.

the nation. The beauty of the religious service in Notre Dame, the distinguished gathering of military and civilian leaders round the President of the Republic, the presences of the Republic, the presence among the pall bearers of General Eisenhower and Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, the moving address in which M Pleven recalled the marshal's career, the impressive marchpast, and the vast crowds that lined the route—all these were eloquent tributes to the these were eloquent tributes to the dead soldier and expressed the people's grief

wich Parish Church Restoration Fund.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Chatterton, Mrs Gladys Harriet,
of Penzance £183,461
Snow, Sir Frederick Sidney, of
Eastbourne, consulting engineer
£37,624

Eastbourne, consulting engineer 237,624

Brooke, Mr Walter Ernest, of Grand Cayman, estate in England and Wales £121,148

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Luncheons

Anglo Chilean Society
Members of the committee of the
Anglo Chilean Society gave a
luncheon yesterday in honour of
the Ambassador of Chile and
Señora de Olsen at Grosvenor
House. Other guests included:
Dr Harvid Blakenner (chairman; Mand Mine Jorge Berguno Admira and
Mine Maurice, Asand Miss Hankey, Sir
Lestin and Ledy Bowes. Sir Frederick
Misson (vice-chairman; Lady Dora
Plink, Mr Raul Aguirre, Mr and Mrs G,
Saria Criz, Mr E. W. Smith, Mr and
Mrs J. A. Blair, Mr J. M. Coie, Mr
P. L. Jenes, Mr and Mrs G,
Mrs J. A. Blair, Mr J. M. Coie, Mr
P. L. Jenes, Mr and Mrs G,
Mrs J. A. Blair, Mr J. M. Coie, Mr
P. L. Jenes, Mr and Mrs G,
Mr and Mrs G,
Richardson Mr and Mrs G,
R. T. L. Arestson and Mr Ledie Crick. Anglo Chilean Society

Liberal Foreign Affairs Panel Mr Sulak Sivaraksa was guest at a luncheon given in his honour by the Liberal Foreign Affairs Panel at the Reform Club, yesterday. Those present were Lord Amulree, Lord Banks, Pro-fessor Otto Pick, the Rev Edward Shotter and Lord Tanlaw.

Receptions

The Prime Minister and Mrs Callaghan gave a reception at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening for the staff and board of Tribune. Among the guests were:
Mr Michael Foot, MP, and Mrs Foot,
Mr Bianley Crme, MP, Mr Alhert
Booth, MP, and Mrs Booth, the Hoat
John Blikm, MP, and Jrs Sikin, Mr
Peter Shore, MP, and Dr Shore, Mr
Anthony Woogwood Bean, MP, and
Mrs Bonn, and Mr Danis Healey, MP,
and Mrs Holley.

Mrs A. Ramsay Mrs A. Ramsay
The Lord Chancellor and Lady
Elwyn-Jones attended a reception
yesterday evening at Gray's Inn
Hall given by the High Sheriff of
Greater London and Mrs Ramsay
for the Judiciary of Greater London. Among those present were:
The Lord Liedwant of Greater London
and Lady Elworthy, the Chairman of
the GLC and Lady Ponsoniny of
Shubrods, the Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayaress of Westminster, the Lord
Chief Justice and Lady Wedger, the
binster of the Rolls and Lady Denning.

ord Wilherforce, Lord and Lady Hall-ham of St Maryloboue, Lord and Lady Wakefeld of crodal, Lord Justice and Lady Marylor, the President of the Family Division and ady Baker, Sir Peter Rawinson, QC, MP, and Lady Rewinson, the Martrind Martress of Kensington and Indexes, Mr Justice and Lady Radynama, Mr Justice and Lady Radynama, Mr Justice and Lady Stocker, Mr Justice and Lady Tabol. Mr Justice and Lady Tabol. Mr Justice and Lady Tabol. Mr Justice and Lady Tudor Evans, the Solicitor General and Mrs Archer, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, and Lady Havers, Sir Denis Dobson, QC, and Lady Polssen, Sir Denis Dobson, QC, and Lady Polssen, Sir Denis Dobson, QC, and Lady Polssen, Sir Denis Hady Hold, Sir James and Lady Hood, Sir James and Lady Hood, Sir James and Lady Hood, Sir James and Lady Hold, Sir James and Lady Remembrance and Tab James and Lady Polssen, Mr Justice and Lady Polssen, Mr Justice and Mrs Davis, Mr Leon Britan, MP, Mr Nichalss Sect., MP Mr John Loveridge, MP, and Mrs Loveridge, Inc. 19 London and their ladies.

Anglo-American Sporting Club Angio-American Sporting Club staged a boxing dinner evening last might at the Hilton hotoi when Mr David Wilkie was the guest of honour. Rear-Admiral Sir-Anthony Miers, VC, patron of the club, was in the chair, and the other speakers were Mr Jim Fox, Mr Martin Hone and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, secretary.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour at the annual livery dinner of the Farmers' Company, held at the Mansion House yesterday evening. The Master, Sir Nigel Strutt, presided assisted by the Wardens, Mr Michael Cheveley and Mr Arnold Hitchcock, The Master, the Lord Mayor and Mr Alan Philipotts were the speakers. ramposts were the speakers.

Among others present were:

Mr Edward Bishop, MP, Minister of
State, Ministry of Agriculture, Flaferase & Food, Bir Alan Neale, Mr
G. 2. Stewart Sandeman, Mr R. M.
Older, Mr Roger Paul, and the Masters
of the Bakers' Fruiterers'. Poulters'
and Whoelwrights' Companies.

Dean of St Paul's is to retire in September

The most recent suggestion about the function of Stonehenge comes from Dr A. D. Beach, who suggests from Auckland, New Zealand that the structure may based that the structure may be suggested in the suggested i

which enabled Neolicitic Britons to predict the tides.

Dr Beach has calculated that the moourise azimuth at the solstice for 2500 to 3000 BC when Stonehenge is now thought to have been 'built. Those calculations show that the positions of the causeway post holes and the heelstone, and the number of "Aubrey holes" (56) are consistent with the use of Stonehenge to predict spring tides from observations of the moon. That may have been important in pre-historic southern England, which was cut off from the European mainland by the strongly tidal Channel and North Sea.

The interpretation of Stonehenge in purely astronomical function.

The Very Rey Martin Sullivan, to do so since the Reformation. Dean of St Paul's Cathedral since The late Dr Martin Luther King 1967, is to retire in September, he also preached in the cathedral. nnounced yesterday. He is 66. His term of office was adventur-His term of office was adventur-ous and often controversial as he sought to involve young people with the activities of St Paul's. In 1968 during a "* Festival of Youth", he arranged for a plat-form to be built under the dome, and nearly three hundred people went to hear Mary Hopkin, the sineer.

singer.

The dean was criticized when he and the Chapter of St Paul's agreed to the cast of Hair taking port in a Holy Communion Service in 1971.

His tempre of office has been marked by the appropriate of the marked by the appearance of the late Carninal Heenan in the pulpit, the first Roman Catholic

gests from Auckland, New Zea-land, that the structure may have served as a lunar observatory which enabled Neolighic Britons to

predict the tides

The dean was born in New Zesland and served his first curacy in his home parish at Auckland. During the war he served as an army chaptain in the Mediterranean war zones and in the Mediterranean war zones and in the Mediterranean war zones.

Mediterranean war zones and in the Middle East.

In 1951 he began a long association with Christchurch, New Zealand, where he combined duties as Principal of College House and Dean of Christchurch Cathedral

In 1961 he accepted an invitation to become Rector of St Mary's.

to become Rector of St Mary's, Bryanston Square, in the West End. That was followed by his appointment as a canon residentiary of St Paul's Archdeacon of London in 1963.

Science report

Archaeology: Stonehenge and the tides

to interpret Stonehenge exclusively in "practical" or "scientic" terms is unrealistic.

OBITUARY Lord Avon

buried

he loved

From Robert Parker

in the village

son.
The wreaths included one from
the and Mrs Averell Harriman
with whom Lord and Lady Aven

regular shoots.
A memorial service for Lord
Aron is to be held in London
later.

Guidelines for

unity set out

today.
The Churches' Unity Commis-

and ministers.

In response to calls for more detailed proposals, the commission says it does not suggest a standard form of ordination for all churches,

but the service should contain "agraed elements". They would include a service of the Word, presentation of the candidates, their examination and the ordination prayer. The covenant would be reliefed by the covenant would

tion prayer. The covenant would be ratified by a common act of worship, which would include celebration of the mutual recognition of ministries and acceptance of each other's members.

The commission says the churches would enter into "deep and solemn commitment to each other and to the goal of visible unity in the context of mutual recognition".

The commission says that would mean that there would be no fundamental objection to ordained minis.

mean that there would be no funda-mental objection to ordained minis-ters exercising their role "across denominational frontiers". But that would be subject to authoriza-tion by denominations. The commission's proposals will be submitted to member churches for debate.

As it is, Dr Beach has a visible struggle to explain why an aid to navigation should have been built on Salisbury Plain, which is about as far inland as It is possible to be in Britain. Would it really have been far-sightedly selected, as he suggests, on the practical grounds that it presented an elevated level plateau well away from sen mists and the probability of fog? If, as Professor Atkinson insists, Stonehenge probably fulfilled several different purposes which would not only.

probably fulfilled several different purposes which would not only-seem to us to be conflicting but which we should, if we knew them, find it hard to understand, then further speculation would seem fruitless. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Nature, January 6 (256, 11:1977).

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church

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MR YURI SOLOVIEV Leading dancer at Kirov Bal

Mr Yuri Soloviev, the leading nale dancer of the Kirov Ballet, reningrad, has died suddenly at the age of 36. He had danced on the evening of Friday last, to dance that on the male dancer of the Kirov Ballet, Leningrad, has died suddenly at the age of 36. He had danced on the evening of Friday last, January 14, and went after-wards to his country cortage for the weekend. A friend calling on him next day found him

Alvediston
Lord Avon, who, as Sir Anthony
Eden, was Prime Minister between
April, 1955, and January, 1957,
and who died on Friday at the
age of 79, was buried privately
yesterday in the simplest of ceremomies at a small church hidden
away in the Wiltshire countryside
he loved so well.

It was Lord Avon's wish to die
at Alvediston, the village between
Salisbury and Shaftesbury where
he and his wife lived in the manor
house for 11 years. He was flown Yuri Vladimirovich Soloviev was born in Leningrad on August 10, 1940. He studied at the famous ballet school there and graduated into the Kirov Ballet in 1958, at the same time as Rudolf Nureyev. Unlike Nureyev, who was taken into the company as a principal dancer, Soloviev was accepted in the usual way into the corps de ballet, but his exceptional gifts quickly won him promotion.

at Alvediston, the village between Salisbury and Shaftesbury where he and his wife lived in the manor house for 11 years. He was flown home from Florida by the RAF six days before his death after his health had started to fail.

He died peacefully in his sleep, and his burial at St Mary's, Alvediston, was attended by only 32 close members of the family and household.

The church, which holds 60 people at most and has only three services a month, is on a slightly elevated position about a quarter of a mile from the village, which lies in a chalk valley. It is approached through a farm gate and a hundred yards of muddy track through a field, which is usually full of horses and sheep. Lord Avon's grave overlooks the valley with its stream, the Ebble, that flows only in winter. The coffin was carried in a black estate car and two cars followed it, one carrying Lady Avon and her stepson, Lord Eden, the other, Mr Winston Churchill, grandson of the war leader under whom he succeeded as Prime Minister. A single bell tolled.

The service was conducted by the Rev John Williams, curate in charge of Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavam and Alvediston. Prayers were said by the Right Rev Victor Pike, until recently Bishop of Sherborne.

The organ was played by Mr Richard Seal, organist of Salisbury Carbedral. The service included a lesson from the Book of Wiscon iii, 1-9, read by Lord Avon's son.

The wreaths included one from the Book of Wiscon. The wreaths included one from the Book of Wiscon. When the Kirov Ballet made its first visit to Western Europe in 1961, Nureyev and Soloviev were both prominently featured during the Paris season. Nureyev having left by the time they reached London, Soloviev was the undisputed male star of their Covent Garden season. The role of Danila in The Stone Flower on the opening night gave full scope to his heroic acting style and astonishing physical prowess, winning him immediate acclaim.

Among his other roles that Legat.

a petition was organi the audience, and a the management what is probably the ple in recent years of cast literally

valuat

demand. In later years, danced all the standa roles with success, be always at his best which showed off no lightness and strengt of elevation, but elso his ability to convey fervent struggle. In the leading role in Ig Leningrad Symphony danced in later Londo was probably the bes created for him, exp courage and determ that city's inhabita-the German invasion.

One of his most di contemporaries ren Soloviev that he diways in a blaze of and that description some idea of his sper He was awarded the Merited Artist in People's Artist in 19 married to the dance

ANAIS NIN

Anals Nin, the author who be- series of novels, white ame well known for her journals, died in Los Angeles last weekend, aged 74. The daughter of the Spanish composer Joaquin Nin, she spent her childhood in Europe. Her parents lived apart and when she was 11 her mother left. Paris, emigrating to the United States with her children. In had been staying in Florida before their sudden return. The inscrip-tion on the wreath said: "For Anthoux, a trusted colleague in war and peace, and a lifelong friend".

There were also a wreath form New York she became a model and later a Spanish dancer. She married and in 1929 settled in Louve-ciennes, near Versailles. Her There was also a wreath from the people of Alvediston, although none of the villagers was at the survice. Indeed as the funeral procession left the manor, farmers were gathering just up the lane in the Crown inn for one of their regular shoots. house was a meeting place for writers and artists; Lawrence Durrell, Henry Miller, Caresse Crosby and Antonin Artaud were among her close friends. She supported Henry Miller while he was writing his first books.

It was in Paris that she wrote her first book, a study of D. H. Lawrence. She became interested in psychoanalysis and was analysed by Dr Otto Rank. She claimed that psychoanalysis had a profound effect on her later writing. and charm she al

The Four Chamber Children of the Al Spy in the House of Winter of Artifice Although her boo acquired only an m

reputation she began international recog the early 1960s. meticulously kept throughout her life hood, and in the mi lowed by five more dour of The Jo Anais Nin attracted the United States at out the world. During her later lectured frequently

sities throughout t States. In 1973 Ans ceived an honorary from the Philadelph of Art and in 1974 to the National Instit and Letters. A pioneer of fem

sympathy for striving

the Ben Line Steams

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but accepted the ar

A volume of stories, Under a many of whom sh Glass Bell, was followed by a exceptional generosing

MAJOR E. G. THOMSON

Proposals aimed at leading Britain's churches to "the goal of visible unity" while retaining their individual characters are published Major Edward Gordon Thomson, MC, president of the Ben Line, died on January 16, 1977, at the age of 87. the Churches' Unity Commis-sion, on which Anglican, Roman Catholic and the Free Churches are represented, makes the pro-posals as an amphification of a plan issued last year. That called for churches to enter into a covenant to recognize each others' ministries as valid and to agree on a form of ordination for priests and ministers.

In response to calls for more

His commanding presence, deep, resounding voice and obstinate independence of mind were in contrast with his selfof president. effacement, a characteristic which was particularly apparent where his numerous benefactions and public services were He was born in 1889.

third son of William Thomson. After education at Edinburgh Academy be qualified as a chartered accountant and in 1912 was taken into partnership by his father in the family firm, William Thomson and Co, managers of the Ben Line, which had been founded in Leith by Edward's grandfather in 1825. In the First World War his branch of the family suffered grievously, two of his younger brothers were killed on the same day at Gallipoli and a third was badly gassed in Flanders. He himself was seriously arounded while seriously around the seriously arounded while seriously around the seriously wounded while serving in France with the Royal Garrison Artillery in which he attained another large Po awarded the Military Cross.

When the war was over he ren. Castlecraig were the resumed his work with William quently sold with his ? Thomson and Company and and the proceeds dew played an important part in good of Peeblesshire. steering the Ben Line through the recession of the 'thirties, after which it was the line's county from 1955 and of its finance comming in 1941 on the death of his

MR T. F. LINDSAY

was an Assistant Editor of The Daily Telegraph from 1967 until his death. Earlier he was a well known parliamentary journalist. He also took a special interest in the affairs of the Roman Carholic church of which he was a devout and active member. Thomas Panshawa Lindsay

house and Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He showed his journelistic bent at Oxford by becoming editor of Isis and after Oxford joined the News Chronicle Chronicle.

remained until the War. During the War he served on the

In 1955 he returned Street joining The D graph as parliaments writer. In 12 year: work he earned a spe tation for his ability and convey to his re real mood of the H also made many frien parliamentarians of a As Assistant Editor much occupied with administration but cot make many contribution columns of his newspalso continued his cartes with the authorit Roman Catholic chur Tom was a well reactinformed man and companion, who madeasily—even among t easily-even among t

dismissed from his André Malraux, ther Minister of Culture, reinstated a few mod after a nationwide out included street demos matheque often drew Langlois nevertheless pasion for films whi the Cinémathèque's a unique contribution history of the cinema.

In February 1968

Equity may ban American actress from musical

Equity will make a formal decision today whether to allow an American actress to appear temporarily with the British cast of *A Chorus Line* when it takes over at Drury Lane on Monday.

The union indicated yesterday that it had advised the Department of Employment not to issue Miss Donna McKechnie with the necessary work permits. But Mr Michael Bennett, Miss McKechnie's husband, drafted a formal application, which the union's council will discuss today.

Mr Bennett is the director of the show, which has played to packed houses with an American cast since it opened last July. He said yesterday that if the union

confirmed its opposition it might be necessary to close the show for two weeks from Monday until a suitable British actress was ready to play the part. That would mean a financial loss of more than £100,000.

The matter arose after a British actress, Miss Elizabeth Seal, had passed auditions for the leading role of Cassie. Last week she was told she was not suitable for the told she was not suitable for the part.

Equity said yesterday that the circumstances of Miss Seal's dismissal helped to justify the decision to reject an American replecement. A representative said it was thought that the union's members might have been outraged if the application had been autoroved. Shetland expects to make up to £100m in oil revenue

By Rouald Faux
Remoteness, once a handicap for
Shetland, has become an asset and
multi-million-pound boms. When
oil was found beneath the North
Sea there was nowhere else for
the oil companies to go but to
the lonely scatter of islands,
which are as far as northern
Italy from Westminster.
The local authority negotiated
a powerful degree of control over The local authority negotiated a powerful degree of control over the oil development. The effectiveness of its former chief executive, Mr Ian Clark, in dealings with the oil industry was marked last year when he became the first permanent member of the British National Oil Corporation

people return to their old, quiet existence. people return to their old, quiet existence.

There is a natural anxiety among the Shetland Islands Council tha a Scottish assembly in Edinburgh would upser the autonomy the Islands have fought so hard to win. Their amendments to the devolution Bill would bind the assembly and the Scotish executive not to change, without consultation with the council, its powers under the Zetland County Council Act. It would leave untouched the council's exclusive rights to raise reverne for its own use and the present level of rate-support grant and the council's power to incur capital expenditure with the consent of the Scottish Secretary of State.

reassured the islanders that It would not be part of the assembly's remit to make such changes. But a Scottish assembly, it is felt, would bring Sheiland a few hundred miles closer to authority, and the islanders want their position to be clearly explained in the devolution Bill.

Suggestions that Sheiland should declare itself independent of Scotland if Scotland itself became independent, and seek a status

county for five hundred years and have accepted support in bad times, now that the islands have something to offer it is morally right that they should cooperate. There should be no fear from an assembly, they say, since most matters affecting Shetland were already handled in Edinburgh at the Scottish Office.

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Oil has brought difficulties but it will also bring between £50m and £100m in revenue to Shetland before the wells run dry and the islands with their 18,000

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Thomas ransnaws Linosay was born in India in 1910, son of the late Sir Harry Lindsay, a distinguished public servant, and was educated at Charter-In 1936 his knowledge of the

Roman Catholic church led to his appointment as deputy editor of the Tablet where he

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M HENRI LANGLOIS

M Henri Langlois, a founder of the Cinémathèque Française, died in Paris on January 12. Langlois was one of the founders of the Cinémathèque which was started as a private venture. was started as a private venture in 1934 and had been its secretary-general for over forty years. In that period he enjoyed an almost legendary reputation building up a film library of the process of over 50,000 items and saving method of running countless films, including early silents by such pioneers as Louis Lumière, from destruc-tion. The Cinémathèque subsequently became state controlled and subsidized.

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Output from the seven pro-ducing fields in the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea is now more than 540,000 barrels a day, over a quarter of the country's total daily

Oil companies are continuing to find that new wells drilled are exceeding their best expectations. On this basis, the build up in production throughout the rest of the year should enable the North Sea to meet government output targets for

With output currently at the equivalent of 27 million tons year, the lower end of government forecast-35 million tons by the end of the year—is well in sight. Further, there are hopes that the Govetroleum revenue tax ernment's best estimate of 45 million tons during the year can be achieved. This would mean that over balf the country's oil needs would be available from domestic sources. The bulk of the oil is at

present coming from British. Petroleum's Forties field field (580,000 barrels a day) and the (t0,000 barrels a day from two wells). The remaining five f oil from abroad than helds are together producing the from the North Sea just over 100,000 barrels a day.

Forties crude has risen from \$12.90 a barrel to \$14.05 since the beginning of the year. Lo dustry sources in London said this level would not be conexported or the oil companies held their half yearly settlement on taxation

The new price for North Sea output has emerged quickly be-cause it is tied closely to the levels charged by African crude oil producers, who have so far stayed clear of the controversy of 5 per cent versus 10 per cent oil price rise in the Gulf. Libya and Algeria increased

prices by between 9 and 10 per cent while the Nigerians opted for slightly smaller increases in the 7.7 to 9.5 per cent range. For Britain, the ability of North Sea crude prices to re-main unaffected by the struggles between Saudi Arabia, high prices is important. Oil buyers in the United States and Europe now regard British and Norwegian oil in the same caregory as the high-priced African crudes, and its attractiveness and price could in-crease if difficulties in admin-sterling the two-tiered pricing system bring further uncer

udis lift UK hopes of cheap oil

tesp crude oil from when it was learnt itish Petroleum and among four European anies chosen by the handle an extra two sarrels of oil that will able daily during the months of this year. reach company, Com-rançaise des Pétroles and ENL, the Italian company are also on illist. Each has been one of the American

consortium to work distributing the extro Saudi oil available In Vienna, he said he knew in the world is the of no formal consultations for p in the Saudi came convening such a conference, force the 11 members although he would not rule out. additional ampplies of rganization of Petro-

reduce their prices or t will cause further

becoming clearer how the additional Saudi oil will be distributed. Companies who were uncertain whether they would have access to additional cheap Saudi oil were likely to con-sider reducing their offtake from Opec members who implemented the 10 per cent price

As this pressure increases, the chances of an emergency meeting of Opec being convened to discuss the muddled situation in the oil market become stronger. Mr Ali
Mohammed Jaidah, Opec's new
Secretary General, said yesterday that he hoped there would
be a special meeting of the
Opec oil ministers "to resolve

the possibility of such contacts occurring soon. Any minister culate the suggestion among the of four more oil companies other members countries. It had into the Saudi market will help nor proved difficult in the past to ensure that the benefits of t will cause further not proved difficult in the past to ensure that the benefits of calready been hard hit commenting on reports that cheaper oil are spread more cheaper

request. Instead, Iraq had major oil groups supplying ong to oil industry suggested that Opec's economic Japan will be expected to two countries in parother matters; but no decision share of cheaper oil.

been made

Last night, Kuwait govern-ment sources reported that Qatar was seeking an emer-gency meeting of Opec and had approached Kuwait for support. The two-tier pricing system was agreed at a meeting of the Opec ministers in Doha just before Christmas. At the same time, Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, announced that the ceiling of 8.5 million barrels a day on Saudi oil output would be

removed.
Since then, the Saudis have received requests for supplies of cheap crude from all over the world. Originally, Shaikh Yamani said the oil would be marketed through the four oil company partners in Aramco— Exson, Mobil, Texaco and Standard Oil of California. The four partners will be entitled to increase the volumes

of oil they lift from the huge Saudi reserves; but the entry

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merged this evening est meeting in Bonn of expert group nominmonth to study the " 'oblems. sup, which met mday

e chairmanship of Dr eiger, president of the lavings Bank and Giro m, spent most of its cing out how to apply ditions attached to (£75m) of aid pro-the association for the

A brief communiqué issued by the Savings Bank Association ar study to the bank's at the end of today's meeting antors, the State of d the Hesse Savings ociation.

The Hesse Savings of the bank had been discussed without going into details. If the two guarantors details. If the two guarantors find that a sweeping cure for the problems of the bank is necessary, the committee will meet again, a Savings Bank Association spokesman added. Last month various possible alternatives for a "qualitative" solution of the Hessische Landesbank problems were aired in public. There is a strong body of opinion in the German savings bank movement that the reputation of the

that the reputation of the Hessische Landesbank is now so tarnished that its ability to survive as an independent insti-tution is doubtful.

Two models for its reorgani-

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19 bank Girozentrale of Direct would create an enormous bank

A brief communiqué issued with a balance sheet total of about DM130,000m—more than sent Hessische Landesbank and larger even than the Deutsche-

This suggesteion has, however, run into political opposi-tion both in Düsseldorf and Wiesbaden, the Hesse State capital, and has been turned down by the powerful savings bank movement in Bavaria

The other proposal, put forward by the Bavarians, is that the Hessische Landesbank should merge with the Deutsche Girozentrale only. This would have the advantage of not disturbing the regional principle on which the structure of the additional German Landesbanks is based completion.

Leyland asks Government for pay flexibility to help £50m fringe benefits offer to workers

British Leyland has told the Government that unless more flexibility is built into any future wages policy it cannot go ahead with a key section of new plan to sort out the chaotic labour relations pro-

blems in its car factories. The scheme, which has taken six months to negotiate with shop stewards representing Leyland Cars' 100,000 manual employees, could cost the statecontrolled motor group an estimated £50m a year in substan-tially-increased payments for sickness, layoff and redund-

It would give Leyland workers the highest fringe benefits in the motor industry. would In return, shop stewards are

Christmas

sales claims

extravagant

Claims by some High Street

traders of booming sales over

the Christmas period appear to

have been extravagant. In place

of the general picture of broken

trading records up and down the

country, official figures pub-

lished yesterday show that the

volume of trade after allowing

for seasonal influences actually

figures, published yesterday by

the Department of Industry, the

official index of volume sales

dropped back to 108.5 last

month (1971=100) from 109.3

in November, a month in which

it jumped by almost 2 per cent.

It is clear, however, that

when these monthly fluctuations

are averaged out there has been

little change in the underlying

trend of sales recently. Such

sales in the fourh quarter were

nearly the same as in the third

Indeed, average sales last

average, although the pattern of spending was different between

In 1975, sales fell away sharply through the spring and summer, whereas the second

half of 1976 proved rather more

buoyant for retailers than the first six months.

Thus, in spite of the fall in

sales between November and December, 1976, the volume of

December, 1975. However, the

latest figures do cast doubt on

the more extravagant claims of

booming Christmas sales re-ported by some traders.

decline in volume sales during

December was surprising, if could be largely explained by the public buying in November in advance of the Chancellor's

economic measures.

He said that retailers had

noticed an increasing trend for

the public to purchase when there was the chance of "a

good bargain", a prospect which was enhanced in November by the fear of a rise in VAT rates

in the December measures. This fear also spurred the public into advancing some Christmas shop-

Bow Valley (UK)

The Canadian Bow Valley
Industries group says that its
subsidiary Bow Valley Exploration (UK)

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ment of Energy approval in principle to bring in backers for its innerest in the North Sea Licences P108 and P222. United Kingdom subsidiaries of Ashland Oil, Ashland Oil Canada and the Louisiana Land

& Exploration group will buy half of Ashland's interest in the

Bow Valley UK has had a payment of CS7.5m, a loan of \$2.5m, and it is to receive an

additional \$C5m in loans on

North Sea deal by

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was still above

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fell in December.

According to

sharp fall in the number of strikes. Last year, Leyland Cars lost £250m worth of cars through disputes more than 70 per cent of them within its

. The biggest concession by workers is acceptance of a comnegotiations to stop the present "leapfrogging" in demands made by more than 170 bargaining wage

Although this " leapfrogging " has been halted temporarily by the Government-TUC pact on wages, the mounting tension over differentials has been the

Linfood Holdings yesterday

launched a £7.5m takeover bid

for the Bristol based retailing

group Gateway Securities.

Linfood, which has been in

talks with Gateway for several

months has now acquired

shares carrying 29.5 per cent of

the voting rights, and the unanimous support of Gate-way's board for its bid. The bid is worth 63p in Lin-

food shares with a 59.9p cash alternative to holders of Gate-way's "A" shares against a food shares with a 59.9p

market price of 574p, up 124p yesterday. Gateway's two tier voting structure gets scant

recognition in the terms. Its

£200,000 issue of Ordinary shares carry 10 votes each, while its £2.8m issue of "A"

shares carry only one vote for every 10 held. But Linfood is

offering only a small premium

for the main voting shares. They would receive 70p in paper or 66p cash. Linfood's

shares fell 7p on the news to

Mr David Linnell, Linfood's

managing director said last night that Gateway "fits extra-

ordinarily well " into its exist-

ing wholesale grocery and supermarket business in the

south-west. Only four of Gate-

way's stores trade in competi-tion with Linfood outlets,

November 1-four months after three of the national wages policy is expected to come into force. This could mean that some Leyland plants will receive two wage increases in 12 months—one under the old arrangements between August and November and another when the new deal becomes

But two increases would be ruled out if phase three conrinued with the present rule of one increase a year.

The problem is that Leyland has already told the unions that

operarive.

they will go ahead with their they are forced to postpone the

second largest customers for Gateway's Pink Stamp sub-

sidiary after Gateway itself.

If Linfood's bid is successful

it will take over Gateway's 28.9

per cent share stake in Bishop's

Stores, the Middlesex based

supermarket operator.

This holding would, Mr Lin-nell admits "open up possi-

bilities". But he points out that Gateway holds only 10.9 per cent of Bishop's voting shares

and that it remains a family

controlled company. Bishop's shares did, however, improve 3p to 158p yesterday.

Guinness Mahon, the mer-

chant banking arm of the Guinness Peat Group which holds 22.9 per cent of Linfood's

shares, are underwriting part of the cash alternative and

hope to maintain the Guinness stake at around 20 per cent of

Linfood shareholders will be

asked to increase the group's

additional shares to carry out

the bid and, under the rules of

vented it from acquiring more than 29.5 per cent of votes in

Gateway it bought yesterday. Bid for Cattle's (Holdings): Provident Financial, the Brad-

ford-based personal credit and

specialized banking services group, is bidding for another

specialized

company representations for more flexibility, management is banking heavily on shop stewards' acceptings another proposal for reducing strikes. Layoff payments will be with held for three mouths from any employee who has taken part in

unofficial strike action during the previous quarter which lasted for half a shift or an aggregate of eight hours.
This is the most contentious clause and could lead to outright rejection of the scheme a mass meetings during the next seven days. There are already

reports that many workers are not prepared to accept such fundamental change in their right to withdraw their labour

£7.5m offer for Gateway Securities (Holdings). Provident already owns 25.64-per cent of Cattle's equity, and is offering 32p a share in cash for the rest, share in cash for the valuing the whole company at

The offer price is 60 cent above the level at which Cattle's shares were standing shead of the announcement. But they rose by 14p to 34p yester-day, as a Cattle's spokesman claimed that the bid was made-quate in relation to the company's potential, and the board advised shareholders not to sell their shares. Cattle's profits. which have shown consistent growth over the past decade, increased from £338,000 to £526,000 in the half year to end-September.

The two companies have discussed the possibility of Provident making a bid on pre-vious occasions, but yesterday's offer took Cattle's completely by surprise: Apart from their similarities of business, they complement one anothe graphically, since Cattle's is strong in Humberside and the east Midlands, where Provi-dent's representation is rela-tively thin.

Provident, which is planning to computerize its branch net-work in the early 1980s, has launched the bid now with a view to integrating Cattle's 70-odd branches with its own 500 by then. Financial Editor, page 19

shops and supermarkets in the Ford budget a problem for Mr Carter

From Frank Vogi Washington, Jan 17

President Ford, as one of his last executive acts, today sent Ronald Emler writes: Mr Richard Weir, director of the Retail Consortium, said yester-day that while at first sight the to the Congress a conservative Budget for the 1978 fiscal year which limits real growth in public expenditure to national defence and energy programmes.

Total federal government spending in the fiscal year starting on October 1 is set to rise by 7 per cent to \$440,000m (some £260,000m).

The Budget is estimated to

produce a deficit of \$47,000m, compared to an estimated deficit in the current fiscal year of at least \$57,200m. It projects a gradual decline in unemployment, with both inflation and real economic growth rising at annual rates of about 5 per

cent to the end of 1978.

President Ford's programme will pose difficulties for the Congress and the new Carter Administration. Any Carter changes to the Budget would almost certainly produce sub-stantial increases in the overall level of public spending and in the deficit.

Such changes may, therefore, serve to raise general inflationary expectations, as well as reducing Mr Carter's chances of reaching his declared aim of a balanced budget by 1981. President Ford has cleverly fashioned his Budget so that any major cuts in defence spending will be difficult. Outays for national defence are set to rise by \$12,200m. \$112,300m.

The details of the Budget are less important than the major issues presented. The President

has incorporated figures for both the 1978 and 1979 fiscal

The main features of President Ford's programme are to, first, reduce federal government outlays as a percentage of gross national product from 22.5 per. cent this year (\$411,200m) to 21.6 per cent next year (\$440,000m) and to 20.5 per cent in fiscal 1979, (\$466,000m).

Secondly, he aims to maintain national defence spending at S123,800m in fiscal 1979).
Thirdly, he wants to slow the growth of non-defence human resources expenditures from

\$1.9 per cent of gnp this year (\$216,900m) to 11 per cent next year (\$224,700m) and to 10.4 per cent in fiscal 1979 (\$235,600m).

Fourthly, there is a move toward a balanced budger and even to a slight surplus in fiscal 1980 after a \$57,200m deficit this year, a deficit of \$47,000m next year and one of \$11,600m in fiscal 1979.

Next, he wants to offset the effects of inflation on taxation for individuals and corpora-tions by making permanent tax reductions of approximately \$15,800m with the bulk starting from the start of this calendar year.
He also aims to ensure that

social security outlays cease to be in excess of receipts (a con-tinuation of the current situation would bankrupt the social security trust fund by 1982) by imposing higher social security taxes and cutting some bene-

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Falls

US prime rate hardens to 64pc

From Our US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Jan 17 First National First National Bank of Chicago and the Morgan Guar-anty Trust Co today raised their prime lending rates to 64 per cent from 6 per cent.

These two banks moved to a

6 per cent level late last mouth, but their lead was only followed by the Chase Manhattan Bank, which may raise its prime rate tomorrow.

A spokesman for First National Bank of Chicago noted that most short-term rates had increased in recent days and that the bank takes the view "interest rates appear to have bottomed-out and that the near-term trend is upward ". The money supply expansion rate in recent weeks has been close to the Federal Reserve's declared ceiling growth levels and it has produced expecta-tions in the money markets that a somewhat tighter Fed stance

will soon be seen that will produce some increases in interest Also, business loan demand

has shown signs of strengthen-ing, and this has moderately added to money market pres-Sures.

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Busy bankruptcy court A big increase in the number of bankruptcies has led London Bankruptcy Court to hold extra bearings. The court will now sir on Monday. Traditionally the court has always sat four days a week-from Tuesdays to

Fair windfall for marine artists at the **Boat Show**

Mr Maurice Bradshaw, secretary general of the Federation of British Artists, said yesterday that business for painters had been "absolutely unbelievable" at the Boat Show at Earls Court this year.

The federation's affiliate, the Royal Society of Marine Artists had twice as many sales at the show as last year.

Another and more landlubberly affiliate, the Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Mr Bradshaw said, had done "splendidly" at its exhibition at the federation's he quarters, the Mall Galleries.

He also has high hopes of the Lord Mayor's exhibition, which the federation is which the federation is organizing at the Guildhall galtry from Friday next week.
This will have paintings of
scenes within the London
postal area; there will be month and motificial extensions of paintings by City people.

Many of the marine paint-lngs at the Boar Show were borne oversess, particularly by are also big customers for British boats.

Mr Bradshaw thought, how-ever, that more and more Bripeople were putting by into pictures. They were going about it cannily, though, buying "direct", such as at the exhibitions tha federation suged for its member bodies rather than through dealers, many of whom did their buying at these exhibitions anyway.

Paintings unsold in a Mall exhibition at £100 can later pop up in a dealer's at up to five times as much.

Another way, of course, is to commission a painter, particularly a portrait painter. Mr Bradshaw and the federation can rattle off the names of arrists who will do anything from a pastel at from £50 to an oil at up to £2,000.

Business is particularly lively for the dearer portraits. say at £800 or more. The big customers are compenies such as Lindustries, which last night presented its chairman, Mr Billy Luke, with an oil portrait by Mr Michael Noakes to commemorate Mr Luke's 50 years with the engineering-to-textiles

Mr Noakes, who charges from £600 a time, is about to start on a portrait of Mr Jack Aisher of Marley, the building products maker. The artist thinks this will bring up to an even dozen the number of por-traits he has done of Marley people and their families.

Among Mr Noakes's other recent works is an 8ft by 4ft sin standing portrait of the Queen, which will be presented to the city of Manchester Leter this month by a former Lord Mayor, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, on behalf of anonymous donors.

Although copyright usually rests with the commissioners of a painting, Mr Noakes has been able to secure copyright on this portrait for some years. He has sold first British rights to a magazine and hopes to sell prints.

It is hard to find anybody in the art world who will say who foots the bill for paintings sold to corporate customers, but there is a suspicion that in the end it is sometimes the shareholder or the taxpayer.

Members of a company or nationalized industry often subscribe for the painting, but It would surprise few people in the art world if this cost were not sometimes met out of expense accounts.

There is also a favourite story in the London are world, of a businessman who perallow the cost of some pictures cover an office wall that would otherwise have to be painted.

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Sir Francis Sandilands: "2 gamble the country cannot afford."

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Nevertheless, he felt that the impending inquiry in the City by Sir Harold Wilson and his team should "give the City an admirable opportunity to Sir Francis had wel- explain how it works". He said that this would be especially so if the evidence of te felt its membership the committee as well as its newhat unbalanced". findings are published.

dilands attack on bank | Builders say outlook deteriorating

Jensen wound up

Short-time at Krupp

Krupp will introduce short-

time working at its Harburg engineering and steel construc-tion works for three months

from February 1 because of the

poor order situation, a company

licences.

Preliminary results of con-Laird shipyard at Birkenhead struction activity in the January which caused 4,000 layoffs may state of trade inquiry show a marked deterioration even from the "bleak situation" of last to recommend a return to work autumn, the National Federa- at a meeting to be held today. tion of Building Trades Employers said in a report out to-

Some 68 per cent of a sample of 200 replies to the NFBTE questionnaire reported that they had fewer inquiries for new work than in the previous quarter; around 63 per cent said they had fewer tendering successes. The federation said that about 75 per cent of firms were operating at three-quarters capacity or less.

Rubery peace meeting A union-management deal designed to bring industrial

peace to Rubery Owen's troubled motor component plant at Darlaston, Stafford-shire, will be put to a mass meeting of 3,000 workers today. Shipyard peace hope

spokesman in Essen said yester-day. He said 360 of the 640 workforce would be affected. More Meriden talks A two-weeks-old strike by Niore Meriden talks
450 members of the Boilermakers Union at the Cammell of Mr Lever, Chancellor of the

Duchy of Lancaster and the Prime Minister's economic be called off today. Union adviser, had talks yesterday with leaders of the Meriden leaders were last night expected motor cycle cooperative which is in jeopardy after the Department of Industry's refusal to grant a further film of state sid.

Jensen Motors Ltd, of Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, was com-Matsushita Electric pulsorily wound up in the High

Osaka, Jan 17.--Matsushita Court yesterday. Mr Justice Oliver made the order on an Electric Industrial reports that non-consolidated, after-tax pro-fits rose by 26 per cent to 41,320m yen (about £83m) in unopposed petition by Jensen Motor Inc, of California, trade creditors for £1,250,000, supthe year to November 20. Sales ported by the International Paint Co, Ltd, claiming 52,300. rose by 23 per cent to 1,311,000m yen.

> changed dividend of 10 yen a share ---Renter Shell seeks DM200m

The group is paying an un-

Frankfurt, Jan 17.—Shell International Finance NV is negotiating with a banking consortium led by Deutsche Bank for a DM200m (E50m) 12-year. Eurobould probably at 61 per cent. The bond will be guaranteed by Shell Petroleum NV of The Hague and Shell Petroleum-

How the markets moved Rises

10p to 280p 8p to 388p 4p to 99p 6p to 219p Metal Box Midland Bank Reed Int 13p to 285p 11p to 205p Thorn Electric
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SIR-6 was 1.15570 on Friday while great.
Sterling rose 28 polors to \$1.7138.
The "effective devaluation" rate at an all time high at 1601 (pressure 4.5874) and the sterling rose 1887 A). was 43.0 per cent. Gold rose 75 cents an ounce to

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Computer code number plan for supermarkets to replace price tags and speed up check-outs

Plans to coordinate computer code numbers used for British food and grocery products through an article number bank have reached an advanced stage after almost 10 years of discussion within the trade.

The allocation of code numbars is the first step in a deve-lopment which could eventually speed up supermarket check-out procedures and abolish the næd for price labels to be placed on individual grocery

Depending on the outcome of equivalent discussions nearing comoletion within the EEC, the start functioning within the next

Vital Benn talks

has so far blocked Community

efforts to agree on a minimum

support price for oll. Britain considers such agreement an

important plank in European

energy policy.

During his European tour Mr

Benn will be spreading the message that energy policy cannot succeed unless outlines

put forward by official; in

Brussels take into consideration

the different resources avail-

able to sach member and its differing individual energy

ministers forum to be more

active than it has been in the

computer systems and local distributed-computing systems

being pursued by F. W. Woolworth & Co in the manage-

ment of its chain of retail

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ma'nframe unit, and is plan-

ning to base its central data-

processing on the 2900 series.

Lancashire, for store orders, stock control and warehousing

applications; and a 1904A and

a 1903A at Swindon, Wiltshire,

The company has also bought a £75,000, 10-station,

distributed processing system

for the buying department at its London head office. This is

based on Computer Automation's Alpa LSI-2/60 minicom-

for verebouse control.

Woolworths have ordered a

based on minicomputers

Mi Benn wants the energy

on minimum

price for oil

nounced at a conference to be held by the United Kingdom Number Association

later this month.
The proposed system could, for instance, enable retailers to automatically reorder supplies from manufacturers and generally control stock levels. If printed on product packets the code numbers could be used by supermarkets in conjunction with electronic cash registers to

they pass through the check-This could be used to give shoppers an itemized list of purchases on his receipt. At the same time information about the sale would be trans-

mitted direct from the check-

out to retailer recorders or com-

The coordination of code numbers which are unique to the product they represent and identify precisely is seen as an essential first step in setting

up such systems.
Standardized numbering systems for some specific goods, such as paint colours, have been in use in Britain for some years. But the diversity of articles and manufacturers involved in the grocery trade has led to prolouged discussions.

The Article Number Association was formed a year ago by major retailers, including the Coop and Boots, and manufacturers, such as Unilever and H. J. Heinz, to speed up things.
Electronic equipment manufacturers, including Inter-

a number of Japanese com-panies, are looking to a standardized grocery product numbering system to improve sales of computer-linked elec-

tronic cash registers. It is understood that at least 10 large British retailers, in-cludin gibe Green Shield-owned Argos group and Bentalls, the department store company, are already carrying out tests with

such equipment.

Mr Stanley Maughan, chairman of the Article Number Association and administration director of Allied Suppliers, says: "The numbering system may eventually have as much dynamic impact on the United Kingdom grocery industry as the development of self-service did years ago."

Sulzer UK to close plants employing 620

Sulzer, the United Kingdon subsidiary of the Swiss engineering company Gebruder Sulzer, announced yesterday that it was closing its Sheffield factory and associated foundry at Bury, Lancashire, with the loss of 620 jobs.

The United Kingdom com-pany, which produces paper-making machinery and welded components for use in process engineering, said that the Sheffield plant would close when contracts had been completed Sulzer UK said that the continuing economic recession and lack of new orders for heavy engineering products from the processing industries and par-ticularly new investment in paper-making machinery, with resultant worldwide overcapacity, had forced it to cease

By the middle of this year

2,018 2,070 1,959 2,231 2,572

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UNITED KINGDOM TRADE

The following are the December trade figures, seasonally adjusted and corrected on a balance of

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1972			111.0	109.5	101.3
1973			126.0	139.7	90.2
1974			182.7	218.0	74.6
1975			198.5	245.7	80.8
1975	Q1		184.9	240.5	76.9
	C2		193.4	241.1	80.2
	03		202.2	247.1	81.8
	Q4		210.1	260.4	50.7
1976	Q1		219.0	270.0	81.1
	\mathbf{q}_2		234.2	293.6	79.5
	Q3		247.4	309.3	0.08
	Q4	P	261.7	332.1	78.8
1975					
April			228.4	285.4	80.0
May			233.9	294.2	79.5
June			240,4	301.1	79.8
July			242.6	306.1	79.3
Aug			247.9	30B.0	2.03
Sept			251.7	313.8	2,03
Oct			256.4	324.0	79.2
Nov		r	261.8	334.8	73.2
Dec		p	266.9	837.4	79.1

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally

	Sales by volume 1971 = 100	New credit extended Em
1972	105.8	2,497
1973	110.7	2,871
1974	199.9	2.517
1975	107.9	2.987
1975 Q1 Q2	111.3 102.9	- 711 759
Q3 Q4	105.5 105.6	748 769
1976 Q1 Q2 Q3	107.3 106.7 108.7	858 873 913
1975 Dec	107.0	265
1976 Jan Feb	109.8 107.1	282 276
March April	105.5 108.5	280 291
May June	105.7 106.1	291 291
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Sept Oct	108.8 107.3	303 218

payments basis with allowance for known recording errors, as Selling a bottle of Scotch released by the Department of at the price of a dram -5,220 -3,204 From Mr S. Lewis

Sir, I read with much interest Mr Rouald Kershaw's article in The Times of December 30 and the letter published in your columns on January 10 from Mr Bergius, the chairman of William Teacher & Sons Ltd.

I felt Mr Kerstaw's article
was most enlightening. Whilst was most enlightening. Whilst
I have no great knowledge of
the trade (although formerly a
shareholder in William
Teacher and indeed a shareholder in The Distillers
Company) Mr Bergius's letter
contains comments which in my opinion seem to support Mr Kershaw's proposition for a working relationship with the Government with regard to the problems of the Scotch whisky

ndustry. Although I was amazed to that taxation on Scotch chisky now amounts to almost £3.50 a bottle, one can logically assume that the Chancellor's eagerness to increase taxes on Scotch, in his own words "to bring the product in line with inflation indicates that the indicates that the industry itself bas obviously been charging the wrong price for their product for many

As the DCL's influence over prices. I remember some years ago when Teachers tried to increase prices without similar action from the DCL they lost a substantial proportion of their business and indeed had to bow down to pressure and cancel out the increase. If the major companies within the Scorch whisky industry seem hell bent on cutting each

other's throats there must be a case for some other body to be involved to protect them from

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On exports, it seems incredible that Scotch whisky is exported at under a £1 a bottle despite the rapid devaluation of sterling. This seems to be a case once again of a British of sterling. This seems to be a case once again of a British product in worldwide demand being undersold to the detriment of all concerned. This is particularly galling when one sees that French Cognat appears to be selling at twice the price of Scottish whisky, although I have drunk both in many parts of the world and invariably paid the same price for a glass of each.

Finally, it was only a few weeks ago that I along with other Teachers shareholders, were informed by Mr Bergius despite record profits be could see no alternative but to apply for the assistance and sustenance of a prosperous major brewing group, resulting in the takeover of Teachers by Allied Breweries. In Mr Bergius's own words, the company "had reached the end of the road". This above all must be an indication that all is not well in the Scotch whisky trade and Mr Kershaw's comments on some government intervention seem to me to be very sound for an industry dominated, as Scotch is, by one

large group—DCL. Yours faithfully, S. LEWIS, 22 Cropthorne Court, London, W.9.

Opportunity offered by current debate on constitutional reforms

From Mr David Shillan Sir, The title chosen for Mr Wigham's impertant article (January 11) "A new industrial forum in place of the House of Lords", belps to frame the essentials of question, though I do not think it indicates quite the right

That a "House of Indusof Lords was one of the pro-" should replace the House posals put forward in 1930 by S. G. Hobson: but he soon realized that this was not the right direction for a metamorphosis of the Lords' to take. He came to agree with those who saw how Their Lordships' might more appropriately be converted into the House of Culture, which is where the leading academics. doctors, artistic professionals, and representatives of all the churches (not only the Anglican) should perform a function which may come to be seen as equally vital with that of industry. The proposal of Mr John Mackintosh MP confuses the issue by mixing up "power blocks" with doctors, teachers, meet the urgent need of a and lawyers in the same cham- constitutional role for industry ber as trade unions and em

plovers.
Much could be said about tural and economic professions. But for the moment industry is the point. The House of Com-mons has continued to be relatively weak in industrial knowwith political business, while the power of organized labour and the dependence of society on industrial success have increased. Mr Peter Parker's plan appears to be the most encouraging at present-and it is interesting, incidentally, that he does not hesitate to speak of a "third house". Legislation should of course

continue to be the business of the Commons, but it would in many cases be a health er and more effective legislation if the specialized issues thoroughly and competently thrashed out in an appropriate chamber, freed, as the englneers have suggested, from the "rarified and often impracti-cal autosphere" of Parliament -cr at least the political chamber of Parliament-and with the power and growing statesmantrade unions properly channelled.

Present interest and openness about possible major constitutional changes offer a great opportunity to create in a House of Culture a genuinely functional role for our obso-lescent House of Lords, and to in an Economic Chamber-thus a tri-cameral Parliament. Why

not? Norfolk Lodge Cottage, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6NF. January 12.

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Danger to B of reflating the IIC the US econFrom Mr David Gree Sir, If one regards the dented increase.

dented increase in c prices after 1970 as ar that demand to sust tomed world expects finally overtaken the available to sustain pleasure can be deri the intended reflation United States econour For, if that happens experience another m in world commodity property experience show clearly that the beneour economy can de growth in world track match the additiona which it will carry, c h*e*avy overseas reson dence, if commodi break away. We seem to suffe

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Bread prices From Mr B. A. Dench Sir, On today's Worl Rcy Hattersley he could not expect to keep in business t bakeries through his

prices. In the PM progra evening Sir Derek that the money nece the miners' retirement would hopefully come creased productivity. to come from his

But for the fear of strike of coal deli would suggest sending Yours faithfully, B. A. DENCH, Ringden Farm Etchinghem

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Companies 'not fully using relaxed pricing rules'

By Roger Vielvoye

Mr Benn, Secretary of State
for Energy, today starts visits A row between industry and the unions is likely to follow to his counterparts in France and Holland, his first action as the new chairman of the publication of the Price Commission's quarterly report in 10 days' time. It will deal with council of energy ministers.

Later in the week he will visit Belgium, Luxembourg and the September to November period of last year—the first report to be concerned wholly Italy and consult the Germans with the price code as amended But the first meeting with M Michel d'Organo, the French last August. minister of industry could be the most crucial since France

It is believed that the Commission will point out that com-panies are not taking full advantage of changes made to the code last summer. Although it will probably be impossible to quantify how much of the extra £1,000m " headroom" has been taken up by industry, it is thought that the Commission will provide the unions with a ready-made argument against further relaxation of the code this summer.

When last summer's amendments were announced the Confederation of British Industry and the Retail Consortium described them as "totally inadequate", soying that the code should have been abolished or profits allowed to rise by

Computer news

tralized applications, with distributed processing for local

In a third computer-related deal, Woolworths have leased

software from J. Herwell Data

A computer-assisted sound-mixing system for recording studios which is claimed to be

the first of its kind in the

world is now being used by Air Recording Studios, Lon-

sound control equipment, the system enables many different

Designed by Rupert Neve

applications

Sound mixer

At present it uses two ICL Processing to assist in the con-1964S computers at Castleton, version of Cobol language pro-Lancashire, for store orders, grams from ICL 1900 to 2900

the Woolworth senior exec-utive responsible for manage-ment services: "This ties in with Woolworth's data-process-ing philosophy of using large the final version in a much

Large and small systems for Woolworths

between 80 to 100 per cent to restore industry's fortunes and Both organizations want price

controls scrapped when the present legislation expires at the end of July, and will urge this view on Mr Hatterslev, Secre-tary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, when he opens talks next month on the continuation of price surveil-lance after this summer. The Commission's report will

be the only document available when talks begin from which it will be possible to assess the merits of last year's code relaxa-Because margins are expected

to be well below reference levels in most sectors the unions evels in most sectors the unions are almost certain to argue that while there is a need to simplify the code there is no case for further concessions to industry, especially when the TUC is expected to be urging a further year of wage restraint on the

nation.

Mr Hattersley will be faced with the delicate problem of with the delicate problem of finding a satisfactory compromise between these two views.

sive way than before.

The minicomputer-based system adds about £25,000 to the

tion. According to Mr George Martin, producer of Beatles records for EMI in the 1960s

and now chairman of Air Recording Studios, it can cut

the time needed to create the

final product from the initial recordings by about half.

The minicomputer used is the LSI-2/10 produced by Computer Automation.

A "Computacar" service, which matches a potential car buyer's requirements with

models available at car show

rooms which are registered under the scheme, is being

provided to cover the Greater Loudon area by Unilever Com-puter Services Ltd (UCSL),

THE ICL (ex-Singer)

Wembley, Middlesex.

ICL for SWIFT

Car finder

By Edward Townsend

when the closures are com-pleted, it is estimated that the

Society of Worldwide Inter-bank Financial Telecommuni-cation (SWIFT) network has

passed its acceptance tests for

This is based on the ex-Sing-er 1500 series of transaction

terminals. Combined with appropriate software for the international banking application, the unit is one of three officially recommended SWIFT Interface Devices.

Data Logic of Greenford, Middlesex, acd Gresbem Life Assurance Society are jointly

implementing a comprehensive life assurance system on a

Hewlett Packard 300 Series 2

computer which will be located at the society's head office in

£250,000 covering equipment

its own terminal

Kenneth Owen

Contracts worth

company has announced.

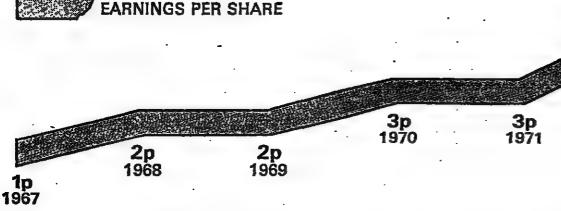
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Hanson Trust "1977 prospects excellent" Chairman



Year	Pre-tax Profit	Earnings per share	Assets per share	Market Capitalisation
1967	£634,000	1 p	8 _p	£5,000,000
1976	£19,000,000	15 _p	85 _p	£70,000,000

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Gilts as institutions run down liquidity

no short "tap" in the t and a widespread expec-that MLR will be cut this shorts led the gilt maramply higher yesterday.

I, by the end of the day
of a full point among the
had the market falking in of heavy applications for

torrent of new stock fed to the marker in an it to prevent yields falling evere pressure on the by system and forced the to release liquidity into stein through the return iel deposits—some £740m been released yesterday. tere are now those who that the Government in effect relax its sales rather more rapidly. articular, Greenwell's, in atest Monetary Bulletin, that the present level

sales may be restraining ry growth to an extent slikely to hold back uc growth.

other concern to some in river is that the present git sales may be setting at from healthy medium-rofale to the gift market, or words, gift sales are increasingly farther of the amounts that the sons could reasonably be adding to their m bartfolios. rm portfolios. gilt sales of well over

expected this week.

increase this year of two points

standards, excessively wide, and

there would almost certainly have been scope for contraction

without harming the pound even

of the extra stabilizing influence of the sterling balances safety

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The officiel document states

explicitly that it is intended that shereholders in the new

ertity should have the option

the possibility of Harrisons

shave the current market price for Golden Hope, it seems that Genting is boxed in. The docu-ment shows that Harrisons and associates, London Asiatic and

Panding now heve 32.1 per cent

of Golden Hope,
M & G Investment, which is

currently in favour of the taker

over/merger, accounts for a further 9.1 per cent. As I noted last week, the beauty of the current proposals is that they need insulation acceptances of 50 per cent (compared with 75 per cent under the previous plans) so Harrisons only needs a further 9 per cent to win.

plans) so harrisons only needs a further 9 per cent to win. But Geneing can gain comfort from the fact that the proposed dividend has been increased from 3.48p gross to

4.52p for the year to the end of March, 1978, which may prove to be a face-saver. Mean-

while, after the interrogation handed out by Genting at last week's Golden Hope shareholders' meeting, the official document comains a great deal of non-statutory, but useful, information.

"Three sisters"

The different

generally in interest rates is the most that can be expected and many think it will not be much n in the last four months 6 were clearly running more than one point. A rise of these proportions should not be much of an obstacle to the present declining trend in United Kingdom intermally shead of institu-met cash flow in the half of the year and iave led to a significant down of institutional by which stood at just est reces: The differential berween British and American rates had become, by historical £3,500m at June 39

ling building societies). private, company and sectors were simost ly making up some of ance and that must have led in the first couple of of 1977. But it is doubtthese can be counted as ng-term bolders of stock, some extent; th e being created for gilts authorities policy of ing yields is, therefore, ning a duel problem of institutional appetites rly and building up an larger reservoir

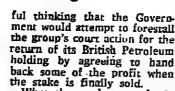
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erns hicago's prime fending rease from 6 per cent er cent yesterday is the turn since the flurry of turn since the flurry of d June last year which to be only a momentary a new Malaysian holding comental downward drift in States interest rates. exerting greater conarol through ne, however, there is a pyramid structure. Short of making a bid at well ierican rates have at last

: nost recent figures are contradictory and y influenced by year-end dressing. Last week's supply figures, for in-looked to be well over deral Reserve targets
n the other hand comand industrial loans copped for two weeks

d on the longer-term, the United States appears to be recoveragly from the sluggishthe third quarter which over into the fourth, 1 without an extra push for growth of 5 to 6 t this year. Growth on la implies a pick up in mand on a sufficient send rates up imless i relaxes its present y posture.

obody is expecting any upturn in rates, and if Mr Caraer might do re hinte effect before th guarrer of this year earliest Investment is Burmah Oil



What the market was banking on vesterday, however, were hopes that Burmah was about to be relieved of its financing commitment for construction of the liquefied natural gas vessels with the Indonesian state oil group Pertamina. After Burmah's troubles in 1975 when United States institutions involved in the financing of these LNG vessels dropped Burmah like a hot brick, the company has had to finance the building of these vessels off its own bat That has meant a £7m a month cash outlay and loans to date of almost £100m.

General Dynamics came to Burmah's aid by agreeing to take over responsibility for these vessels providing it could obtain suitable financing guarantees from the United States Maritime Administration,

These guarantees have been

an unconscionable time materializing. But about a month ago Mr Richardson, the United Mr Alastair Down, chairman of States Commerce Secretary, said that a decision would be made in the life of the Ford Burmah Oil: a favourable decision on its LNG vessels is Administration, so with Mr Carter taking over on Thursday something will have to be said Plainly the market is expect

ing a favourable decision, a notion Burmah itself does not dispel. But whether or not there is any follow through future recovery prospects and there the picture more hazy. Certainly, with it, the LNG position has been Burmah's major worry and its solution will bring the group closer to a positive cash flow. But even if the patient is walking again, it is still a long way from complete recovery and my advice still is to continue to treat the shares as a short-run speculative counter.

Provident/Cattle's

A fight seems Genting Highland Hotels, which probable est week successfully sorpedaed the plens to merge the Harrisons & Crostield three sisters—Golden Hope, London Asiatic and Pataling—may not be impressed with detailed proposals for the latest scheme which is designed to achieve which is designed to a different the same and by a different

If immediate reactions are anything to go by Provident has a fight on its hands now that it has finally committed itself to the bid for Cattle's which the City has long been looking for but which it was nor expecting as soon as this.

Everything points that way; the 14p appreciation in Cantie's share price yesterday, to a level 2p above the value of the bid; the dour response from the opposite camp: and fact that the opposite camp has holdings of directors and their families, and trustee holdings of rather more of the equit. than has Provident itself. Provident, however, Cattle's is worth the fight which is evid-

ently to come. This is not simply a matter of te mathch of business, the geographical fit, the offeree's healthy profits' record or its ebullient half-time perform-ance. Nor is it a matter of the half-time forecast of 2 "saris-factory" increase in the year's results despite the autumn's rise in interest rates. All this

is well. But the most obvious attract tions of a bid for the outstanding equity stem fro mine fact that, having no say in the man-agement which would justify it in treating Cartle's as an asso-clate, Provident at preent treats its holding purely as an invest-ment. Of Carrie's £975.000 pre-tax profit for 1974-75, therefore, Provident's profit and loss acount benefited to the time of a mere \$52,000—being its 25.6 per cent share of Cartle's dividend.

As things stand at the moment Provident could finance its all cash bid (itself a reflection of a balance sheet whose status has changed dramatically for earliest. Investment is

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Burmah's 5p rise to 52p yesterday was more than just wishup the ante somewhat.

Six groups hold over 90pc of the business for the 9.4m colour television sets rented in UK

TV rental groups battle for market share

million colour television sets in British homes are rented and increasingly those subscribers whose contracts are with companies whose major interest is in selling rather than letting are finding that their contracts are being taken over by one of rental groups. For the past two years there has been an increasing concentration of the rental business into their hands, and it is a process which is expected to continue this year. Today they hold 90 per cent of all

rental business. They are keen to buy the rental contracts of any retailer and will even take over his whole business if the price is right and the rental side of the business sufficiently attractive. The attraction for the rental company is increased density, that is the number of subscribers per outlet. The vendor, especially if he

is ceasing to trade as a retailer, can realize as much as 18 to 20 months' rental income per contract while the consumer, it is claimed, benefits from better service and increased choice of receiver. The rental companies claim that when a takeover takes place there is little evidence of subscribers wishing to change to a different renter.

The competition to take over rental contracts is expected to intensify during the coming year. With increased reliability and lowering of real prices of colour sets the attractions of outright purchase for the customer are eroding the competitive edge of rental. Further, (Radio Restals, DER and Multi-

Over 60 per cent of the 9.4 now that colour has achieved more than 50 per cent penetration in the national market in creased business will be more difficult to attract, especially as this year will see a further decline in disposable incomes. Rental is now estimated to account for 55 per cent of new the six main major specialist colour sets, but because of past success rental still accounts for approximately two-thirds of colour sets in use in the

> Granada, one of the most active companies in the takeover field, says there is a surrender their footbold in the rental business in times of economic depression. This started with the introduction of the 25 per cent rate of VAT in May, 1975 (since reduced to 12.5 per cent), and continues because retailers are eager to turn an asset into cash. In fact, the process began as far back as 1973 with the imposition of rental controls and increased

On the other hand, the Radio Electrical and Television Re-tailers Association believes that during slow trading periods the one source of constant cash flow for the independent retailer is his rental business. As a result it is felt that during the next six months, while trading pat-terns are expected to be heavily depressed, retailers will be reluctant to sell their rental business, thus making takeovers 'expensive specialist renters and the scene

of intense competition.

Ronald Emler

broadcast), Granada, British Relay, Visionhire Telefusion, and Rediffusion, placements are expected to continue at reasonable levels for several years, but new contracts are unlikely to achieve the levels of 1972-74 when an additional 2.25 million sets were let annually. Thus the major drive will be to increase density per outlet to maintain cash flow

National Television Rental Association says some 7.5 million contracts held by member companies are serviced from approximately 3,000 show-rooms, giving an average density per showroom of 2,500 contracts. The remainder are held by smaller outlets, mainly retailers retailers, who have much weaker densities in general.

Thorn believes that any branch which is able to maintain a density of 5000 to main-

tain a density of 5,000 is doing extremely well at double the industry average, whereas Telefusion is thought to have Telefusion is thought to have achieved an average density of only approximately 1,700. Overheads are relatively fixed per branch except for the cost of additional engineers and their transport. It is thought within the industry that with increased reliability one engineer can service 700 to 800 contracts annually. However, there is an entitled to see the service of the service o to 800 contracts annually. However, there is an optimum

size per branch, which Thorn reckons to be a catchment

the unwillingness of a customer to travel some distance to make monthly payments reduce

The majors do have an alternative averue of increased profitability to explore. The industry regards a colour set for longer than that period (to no matter how many successive subscribers) it greatly increases its marginal profit to the rental

With the colour boom having started in 1970-71, many sets are now due for technical write off, but the Government have left the companies an incentive to relet the older set at actractive prices to the consumer, because rental controls apply only to sets under three years old.

Any set over three years old Any set over three years old is exempt from controls, such as the initial six-months rent, and can consequently be relet when changed by one subscriber on cheaper, more attractive terms, with only a marginal risk to the subscriber of lesser valishility. While the customer may have

a less attractive product in terms of gadgetry such as remore control tuoing or less modern styling, he does have the incentive of cheaper monthly rental and probably only one month's down payment to make. Thus the customer could achieve a lower outley velopments in the rental sector, while the rental company in-careful calculations will be creases its earnings per set by necessary on costs and charges.

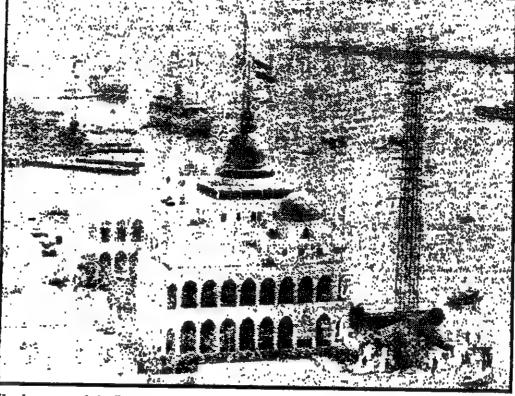
acea of 35,000 homes. Above that size overheads in terms of service journey length and big six, all of which are parts of larger groups which rely on their cash flow to fund other

parts of their businesses. Consequently, while the days of the major takeovers are probably past, the majors will remain on growth trends partly life as six years and allows for depreciation on that basis. If, however, a set can be let for longer than the same that the same that the same that the same than the same that the same that the same than the sam by increasing effective set life.

The issue causing the headathe in boardrooms, however, is what follows the transfer to colour. Will it be televisual sames, teletext, video disc equipment allowing repeated viewing of selected programmes, or complete video recording equipment?

No company has yet committed itself to any one of the options, especially as they are all awairing the Annan Conj mittee's report on the future of broadcasting. Decisions will have to be made in about two years, but until then the rental companies are waiting to see if there is any growth of public demand for any of the options, and probably more important, waiting for the major manufac-turers further to finance development costs and perfect

equipment,
Once these problems have
been overcome, there will then be the difficult hurdle of capital outlay to jump. Video recorders today cost more than a colour television, and thus if there is to be a market for such de-



Headquarters of the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority, Port Said decked out on the reopening day of the canal in 1975 : now earning \$1m a day.

A two-lane Suez Canal?

What now for the Suez Canal? of bringing large tankers
This controversial international through the canal. Coopers
waterway has been open 18
constructed a special computer months, more dry cargo is passing through it than before it was closed in 1967 (but with fawer tankers), Egypt is gaining more chan Sim a day in foreign currency from the exercise, and japanese financed dredgers Japanese-mancen urangers are our in the Canal widen-ing and deepening it to accept ships with a 53ft draft 50 and deepening of draft (150.000dwt fully laden) instead of the present 38ft

draft (60,000dwt).
So far so good. But the canal's future has been threatened by a number of clouds on the horizon. Will overall tomage in it continue to rise? Will large oil tankers return? What of the effects of the nearly finished Suez to Alexandria oil pipeline? These and a mass of other variables have recently been analysed in a \$400,000 study carried out for the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) by a British consortium headed by Maunsell consortium headers
Consultants, the consultants
and including
and Lybrand

Coopers and Lybrand Associates, the management consultants.
With the help of models of the canal and of a 250,000dwt tanker specially constructed by constructed a special computer model to calculate different returns on investments for various schemes of canal

The final report (and French one commissioned at the same time) pleased the SCA, not least because they both advised theoretical courses of action similar to the authority's own-the present widening to finish by 1978-9, a second stage of development to accept ships with a 68ft draft (250,000 dwt fully laden), by 1990—and, in addition, a series of by-passes, leading to complete dualling, by

The cost of such a programme is huge, however, amounting to nearly \$4,000m (about £2,350m) over the years, Beyond the bounds of their brief, which assumed no limit to available funds, Maunsell also produced an alternative plan for development of the canal tallying more with Egypt's actual financial Maunsell's recommendations

have been awaited closely by the World Bank, which has been interested in the canal, but has lacked the sound financial appraisal of its future on which the Hydraulic Research Station, Wallingford, and the National Maritime Institute, Maunsell Should follow shortly, and the researched the physical effects Arabs will jump in with funds-

not far behind. The financial future of the canal should be assured.

Maunsell recommends the completion of the current development to bring in ships of 53ft draft or 150,000 tons dwt (more-if in beliast or partially laden). This will cost \$900m, of which a third is already com-

Coincidentally Maunsell advises a programme of by-passes, starting with the Port Found bypass at the north of the canal during the first stage of development, followed by other by-passes and complete dualing by, 2000, feaving our the 68ft

The Egyptians are coming round to the revolutionary idea of a two-lane canal, even if it partially invalidates their plans—on which work has begun—to build three tunnels under the canal joining their mainland to Sinai. Maunsell says this difficulty can be over-come by building the second channel shallower than the first to cater mainly for southbound tankers in ballast.

Mashour Ahmad Mashour, SCA chairman, engineer, is impressed enough by Maunsell's plan to be coming to London next Monday to view a special presentation.

Andrew Lycett

Italy's state industry record tarnished by mismanagement

John Earle

practices which public opinion through, for the sector was come to associate with quite outside Egam's brief, and

Egam (Ente Auonomo di Ges summer. le Aziende Metallurgiche) tione per Minerarie e today. Indeed, the almost unheard of step, for the public sector, was taken at the end of last year to start liquidation proceedings for seven com-panies employing 18,200 of the group's 34,000 workers.

The proceedings were subsequently haited by an emergency decree allocating 90,000m line (£50m) of Government funds to cover salaries and immediate obligations while committing the Government to come up with a rescue plan by the end of February.

Signor Antonio Bisaelia, Minister for State-Owned Industry in Signor Giulio Andreom's minority Christian Democrat Government, bad in-tended to allot 500,000m lire (£333m), thus enabling Egam to carry on much as before. But in the face of an outcry threatened in Parliament, the sum was whittled down to an onter.

Rescue

Egam's activities fell under three main sectors, mining, metals, and machinery, chiefly textile machinery. A logical rescue plan would disband Egam and allocate its com-panies to public sector corporations operating in these areas. It remains to be seen whether the Government can muster the necessary resolution.

There was little logical reason for Egam's formation in the first place. Established on paper in 1958, it remained inactive until, in 1971, Signor Flaminio Piccoli, the then Christian Democrat Minister of State-Owned Industry, put State-Owned Industry, put under it Cogne (special steels), then Ammi (mining and monferrous metals) and some other

Today the group includes also Sogersa (Sardinian lead and zinc mines), Breda Siderurgica (special steels), Cognotex (textile machinery), Comsal (aluminium procession) ing), Somine (pyrites, sul-phuric acid), Monte Amiata (merury), and Verrocoke (coke, chemicals, glass).

Egam's history has provided the Opposition with plentiful ammunition for attacking the seedier side of public sector

by Signor Piccoli as chairman, followed a policy of acquiring firms in difficulties, including some of the deadwood cast our by Signor Eugenio Cefis in his reorganization of Montedison, so that Egam got the name of Montedison's dustbin ".

The 1974 Egain accounts, for example, showed in addition to operating losses of 8,892m lire (£5.9m) and exceptional losses of 15,034m lire (£10m), an item of 56,966m lire (£37.9m) losses brought by companies

In such ways, critics observed, pressures could be exercised on politicians through the presence of a large loss making group subject constantly to the threat of plant closure and job redun-

Criticism of Signor Einaudi's methods came to a head when

much of state-owned industry in Italy can be suspend up been unrealistically high—the shipping firm soon afterwards went into liquidation. Signor Egam.

Had it been a private group,

Latterly the corporation has been administered by a govern-ment commissioner, Signor Ugo Miutta, who however has been able to do little in the face of debts of over 200,000m lire (over £530m), many of them short-term liabilities.

It has been calculated that Egam has exten up 1,250,000m lire of funds (£830m) in the past three years, and that it would have been cheaper to pay the workforce to stay at **Wilstone** round the neck of the government for months to come.

Egam's debacle has fuelled polemics over management throughout state-owned in-dustry. The energy corporation ENI and the smaller conglomerate Efim have escaped the most pungent criticisms, the former thanks to its active international role, the latter thanks to maintaining a low profile.

Besides Egam, the main target has been the vast Iri (Isti-tuto per la Ricostruzione Industriale) Corporation, with ramifications in most sectors of industry and finance.

Once the Iri formula whereby state companies raise funds and operare under market conditions in fulfilment of Government strategic policies, was hailed as a new dimension for public enterprise, and was studied as a model worth copying in other countries like Britain.

In recent years, however, many Iri companies have become prominent mainly for their losses, whether in steel-making (Finsider), shipbuilding (Fincaptieri), shipping (Finmare, now being reorganized), engineering (Finmaccanica), motor cars (Alfo Romeo), aviation (Alitalia), or food and confectionery (Ale-magna and Motta, regrouped in Unidal). Fiat has withdrawn from partnership with Iri companies in Aeriralia (aero-space) and Grandi Motori (marine engines).

sectors

Iri officials reject any sug-gestion that the Iri formula is to blame. These companies, they maintain, operate in sec-tors which are depressed generally, where the record of private enterprise is little if any better. In fact, some Iri companies have been doing better than might be expected, such as Dalmine (special steels), the Stet telephone group, and the

icisms of the Iri management for submitting supinely to certain dubious decisions by the

Why did Iri accept the construction of a steelworks at Gioia Tauro in Calabria, where

Why did Iri agree to the appointment as Finmeccanica chairman of Camillo Crociani a man whose past was known and who has fled abroad to

be a success unless its managers have the courage when necessary to stand up to the

Business Diary: What Thomson didn't do next • SBCF's Armstrong

TC has been without a director since Clifford mer diplomat and Burip executive, resigned ith his work as director itish Man-Made Fibres

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he post should remain so long is very worryts both employers and

ant talks are to start ext few weeks on the tion of the Multi-Fibre et, a Gast arrangement textiles between in-d and developing

Thomson, the departed thy to be emobled EEC ideal job for Thomson, who took the post but, we understand batantial job, that of backed out, feeling that it might be seen as too clear-cut a case of the Advertising be seen as too clear-cut a case is Authority. Now for of gamekeeper turning poacher. he at first accepted, At one time there was a move declined: director of to hire Edmund Dell, but this ish Textile Confedera- too fell through when Dell was promoted to replace Peter Shore as Secretary of State for

The recruitment of a new man is now in the lap of a rop mer. In the meantime firm of head hunters, but the las been done by Stuart results of the advertising camwho has had to com- paign so far have been disappointing with, so we understand, most of the applicants failing to match the calibre criteria set

Capital view

organizational terms, it Hugh Armstrong, the new managing director of Small Business Capital Fund, is radiating cheerfulness unusual in financial circles these days.

This is because the financial outlook seems to him to be more heartening from Baker Street offices than from those of the merchant bankers farther to the east of the City. Armstrong says that SBCF, a venture capital company financed by the Co-operative Insurance, has recently backed its first new company in two



SBCF's Hugh Armstrong: the view from Baker Street.

years—Mycalex, a maker household consumer durables in Cirencester—and is about to

announce another.

Furthermore, he says he's
confident that SBCF is more likely to come upon practical new investment propositions this year than at any time in the last two years. He bases this confidence

upon the export potential of the manufacturing sector, the fact that home order books are already up 60 to 100 per cent on 197475, and the belief that there will be more stability this year in exchange rates and Armstrong, a Scots accounts shire accent sets him apart and and is taking over from Jack his colleagues, has been appointed need of MHT's internation and has joined more time on directorships our tional division and has joined

holdings, except in the case of the Keith Prowse ricket agency and Vetro Resin, which makes glass-reinforced plastic tanks at Peterlee under licence from an Italian concern The company has invested

about 25m since Armstrong joined in 1970. The amount spent, he says, is governed not by what Co-op Insurance (and occasional partners like Nor-wich Union) have to spend, so much as upon how practical are the propositions that come Indeed, Armstrong says, half the problem is finding enough entrepreneurs worth backing.

1 rusty

New York's big establishment commercial banks are stuffy about giving top jobs to non-Americans, although in recent years they have allowed foreigners to head their branches and even a few to work their way up in head office. Manufacturers Hanover Trux, however, looks as if it is breaking new ground. Harry Taylor, 49, whose York-

A precedent has thus been set which may well encourage those now running the London branches of other United States financial institutions.

Taylor, a fellow of the Insti-

Bank before moving to Manu-facturers Hanover in 1969, Until recently he ran the American bank's targe London operation. Taylor has made duite a splash, for MHT probably ranks only third to Cincorp and Chase Manhattan as the largest United States bank in international

Job hunter

Job hunting German style: Dr Withelm Hankel, the former chief executive of the Hessische Landesbank Girozentrele the bank that can fairly claim to be the biggest loss maker in West German banking history. A Frankfurt business consultant, Dr Maximilian Schu-bart, has taken the unusual step

of inserting a half page advertisement on behalf of Hankel in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. The advertisement was The advertisement was opposite number, D nothing if not to the point. "To will have some furnary people this advertisement, particular statistic.

meant "£41 a week", but we also rather think that her opposite number, David Ennals, will have some fun with that

side the stable of 15 companies the bank's key management may appear unusual", it said. SBCF usually takes minority istrative Board. "I represent a management personality, whose qualifications I can guarantee despite distortions and criticism through the press and media: Professor Dr Wilhelm Hankel.

Schubart's Frankfurt office apparently handles only clients in the salary range of 150,000 marks (erround £37,500) a year and above. According to the weekly newspaper Die Zeit, Hankel sees himself carring

berween 200,000 merics (£50,000) and 400,900 merics (£100,000) a year. Two firms have already answered the advertisement.

In a written statement issued today the Opposition spokes-woman on social services Lynda Chalker accuses the Government of using phoney figures in arguments about the pen-sioners' earnings rule. Mrs Chalker describes the new limit before pensions are affected as "£41m". We rather think she

"We are seeking a post in international finance (at the managing board, business tute of Bankers, was a joint managing board, business general manager of Martins management or supervisory Bank before moving to Manu-board level)." management Signor Mario Einaudi, put in

incorporated in the group.

dancies.

he tried to buy a substantial agers shareholding in a private necess. Genoa shipping line, Villiam E. state.

Depressed

big Iri banks. Less easy to answer are crit-

no one sees prospects of pro-fits, except the local Maria?

escape arrest in connexion with the Lockheed corruption State industry is unlikely to

Confidence returning to the monetary world

The improvement in the monetary and financial situation which began to emerge a little over a month ago has on the whole been confirmed and even strengthened during the early days of 1977.

Two major interestioned in contrast the pound has

major international Iwo major international developments have contributed to this. First the decision by Saudi Arabia to increase the price of its oil by only 5 per cent and its expressed intention of making this decision tell by throwing the crushing weight of 500 million tous' production (stepped up by 50 million) into the scales if it considers such action warranted by the situaaction warranted by the situa-

Second, the massive interven-tion by the International Monetary Fund and the three rich countries (United States, West Germany and Japan) to help Britain to sort out its financial problems.

In addition there have been

some satisfactory economic developments, such as the spontaneous recovery in the United States and the resump-

tion of growth in West Ger-Finally, there has been a renewal of confidence, most notably in the United States, where business circles are tak-ing a favourable view of Mr Carter's new team and the measures recently introduced by Dr Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve System, to relax the monetary situation.

In Britain, the Bank of England has reduced minimum

lending rate from 14.5 per cent to 14 per cent. British interest rates could fall below this level once the effects of the earlier

In contrast the pound has achieved a genuine and substantial improvement, a remarkable development following upon the sombre predictions of recent

However, the most important development is unquestionably the dollar's decline, especially against the Deutsche mark, since the beginning of the year. This is no doubt due to the continuing and even increasing trade deficit, but also to the widening gap between American and German interest rates.

It is true that a slight easing It is true that a slight easing of the dollar against the weaker currencies such as the franc and sterling is favourable, for instance lessening the burden of the cost of oil. However, this should not be allowed to get out of control. There is therefore a need to find a reasonable balance between the efforts made by the two or three dynamic countries which share the difficult task of leading the western world along the course of recovery and monetary of recovery and monetary stability. This has been made somewhat easier by the recent strengthening of American interest rates, which has helped

the dollar. The disparities between monetary variations are obstacles blocking the way to the restoration of international

Maurice Bommensath

THE ECONOMY							
		per cent) Investment (2)	Wage increases (1)	Budget deficit {3,4}	Stability Trade balance (2,4,5)	Inflation rate % (1)	
United States	0	3	8	3.5% (\$60,000m)	—1.2% (一S1,570m)	4.5	
West Germany	5	5	6	4.4% (DM50,000m)	+3.7% (+DH35.020m)		
Francia	0	3	14	2%	-4.8%	3.	
Britain	0	-6	13	(FF30,000m) 9%	(FF6,000m) 6.2%	10	
Italy	5	-10	20	(£9,800m) 10%	(—£580m) —4%	18	
				(1,340,000m lire)	(-430,000m lire)	20	

Three-month moving average expressed as annual rate

Estimate for 1976. Estimate for fiscal 1976-77.

(4) As percentage of gnp and in national currency.

(5) The figure in national currency is the monthly average for the last three month.

			Interest rate (per cent)		Foreign exchange rate	
	Annual growth per cent in money supply (M1) (6)	Day to day	Prime	Against the dollar (7)	Against a basket of 6 currencies (6)	Change in Stock Exchange index (per cent (9)
Dollar	6	45	6.00		102.5	-0.5
Deutschemark	9	4.5	6.50	2.39	(103.0) 112.6	(5)
Franc	8	94/10	11.65	(0.50%) 4.99	(113.0) 92.6	(-4)
Pound	12	14/14}	15.00	(0.5%) 0.5843	(92.7) 86.5	(-16) 10%
Lirat .	20	16	20	(3%) 878.7 (-1%)	(84.7) 80.0 (81.3)	(-9) 2% (-10%)

Six-month moving average expressed at annual rate.

Figures in parentheses give percentage change in last month.

End-Decamber 1975=100. Figure in parentheses gives position last month. Currencies listed in table plus Japanese yen.

(9) Change in previous month. Figure in parentheses gives change over previous 12 months

THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPENED AT 10 a.m. ON THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY 1977 AND WILL BE CLOSED ON THE SAME DAY

13[‡] per cent TREASURY LOAN, 1993

ISSUE OF £1,250,000,000 AT £96.00 PER CENT

Payable in Full on Application Interest payable half-yearly on 23rd May and 23rd November This Loan is an investment failing within Part II of the First Schedule to Triatine Investments Act 1961, subject as regards securities payable to be to the provisions of Section 7 of the Truston Act 1923, Application has been more than the beautiful to the Offi

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorized to receive applications for the above Loan. Will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with receive to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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Stock will be interchangeable with bonds without payment of any fee.

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Those exemptions will not entite a person to claim resument of tax deducted from interest unless the claim to such repayment is made within the time distinguished for such claims under income tax law; under the previsions of the Taxes Management Act. 1970. Section 43 (1), no such claim will be outside this lime limit if it is made within six years fro, the date on which the interest is payable. In addition, these exemptions will not apoly so as to exclude the interest from any computation for taxulun purposes of the profits of any trade of interest from any computation for taxulun purposes of the profits of any trade of interest from any computation for taxulun purposes of the profits of any trade of his liness corried on in the United Kingdom. Moreover, the allowance of the exemptions is subject to the provisions of any law, present or future, of the United Kingdom directed to preventing avoidance of taxuluos by pursons donalited. These breates for the propose of the Kingdom, and, in particular, the interest will not be exempt from income tax where, any such purvous or any purpose of the profits of the provisions of any taxulun purpose of the profits for the provisions of any purpose of taxulus the purpose of the profits of the provisions of any purpose of the profits for the provisions of any purpose of the profits.

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TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND The applicant named below requests you to allot to him/her in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 14th January, 1977

The applicant requests that any letter of allotment in respect of the Loan allotted to him/her be sent to him/her by post at his/her risk.

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(a) Applications must be for £100 of the Loan, or a multiple thereof, and should be indeed at the Bank of England, New Irsues, Walling Street, London EC4N SAA.

(c) If this decisation cannot be made it should be deteded and reference should be uside, to an Authorized Depositary or, in the Republic of Ireland an Approved Agent, through whom loogment should be effected. Authorized Depositaries are flated in the Sank of England's Notice EC 1, and include most banks and stockbotters and practising solicitors in the United Ringdom, the Channal Hands of the Size of Man. Approved Assats in the Republic of Ireland are defined in the Bank of England's Notice EC 10.

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Stakis another record year A strong recovery in its systems were "encouraging". second six months brought the pre-tax profits of the Reo Stakis organisation to a record £1.25m strong" in the closing months.—Reuter-AP-DJ. Organisation to a record £1.25m in the year to October 3.

Better second half brings Reo

This 16 per cent rise reflected This 16 per cent rise reflected a 25 per cent jump in sales to £29m. At half time, the betting and casinos division turned profits of £230,000 into losses of £14,000, but a rally left it with a profit of £304,000 for the full year, against £423,000. Hotels and catering finished the year with profits 45 per cent up to £950,000 after a slip from £298,000 to £236,000 at half time. Bright start at Kwikform

half cime.

Estraings a share were 2.67p against 2.3p and the dividend rises from 0.49p gross to 0.54p.
Mr Reo Stakis, chairman, says

that the figures for the first quarter of 1977 indicate that the first six months should be ahead of the same period last

the bigger dividend will justify a "significantly" higher market

price.
The shares duly put on 7p to

By making bigger net profits for the fourth quarter of 1976

Xerox goes ahead

shareholders

Whitecroft jumps

well over bid price

By concentrating on expansion overseas Kwikform, the sion overseas Kwikform, the scaffolding group hopes moring in another record result this year. Happily, it is well on its way. Pre-tax profits in the the six months to October 30 went up 15 per cent to £559,000. Turnover climbed 47 per cent to £7.5m. The shares hardened on the news.

The profits included associated profits of £10,000 against £129,000 but not an extraordinary credit of £235,000. Earnings a share were 7.4p against 4.9p, but the dividend is 2.15p gross again.

is 2.15p gross again.

In his annual statement in September, Mr Malcolm Russon, chairmen, said that the Ignore tha 122p a share from Hanson Trust, the board of Whitecroft says that it expects to propose a "substantially" higher dividend for the year to March 31, 1977, than last year's 254n ass. tinued to develop markets in the Middle East, Australia and the Netherlands. Kwikform was pressing on with new markets overseas, and with expansion in United Kingdom hire.

Meggitt picking up all the time

3.54p net.

The group also estimates much higher pre-tax profits for 1976-77 than the £3.09m of the year before. It also thinks that Hopes that the second half year would help the pre-tax profits of Meggitt Hold-ings have been fulfilled. An per cent rise to £93,000 in

for the fourth quarter of 1976 (they rose from \$62.7m to \$79.2m) Xerox Corporation finished the year with a gain from \$341.6m to \$358.9m. Revenues for the finel quarter were \$1,140m against \$1,050m, and \$4,400m against \$4,05m for for the year. Further earnings and revenue growth is expected in 1977, said Mr Peter McColough, chairman, in New York. difficult year particularly in manufacturing However, orders are rising strongly and pros-York. World-wide deliveries of copiers and duplicators were less than planned but they were better in the second half year.

Orders for 9,200 duplicating

Aluminium tie-up In an agreed deal Aluminium Corporation is to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of

British Aluminium. BA is in effect making a 100p cash a share offer for those it does not already hold. At present it has 1.49m shares, about 77.7 per

cent of the equity.

The ordinary shares of AC in which BA has no interest will be cancelled and holders will get 100p cash against the market price of 45p. They will keep the 1976 dividend. This is expected to be 3.25p net.

Astra Inds rises 18pc

On a turnover up from 53.53m to 54.8m, the pre-tax profits of the Astra Industrial Group-formerly Astra Securities—rose 18.6 per cent to £189,000. Margins, which over the whole of last year rose from 7.6 per cent to 9.4 per cent, fell back from 8.79 per cent to 7.5 per cent in the latest six months. Shareholders in this Stafford shire-based steel and engineer

ing group get a dividend of 0.5p gross against 0.45p adjusted for a scrip issue. against 1.46p, adjusted for both the scrip issue and last year's one-for-three rights issue.

W. Williams busy now but fears future

All is going well now, for W. Williams, the now-famous metal discaster, founder, stock-ist and engineer, but it may not Output went well in the first

half of 1976, continued to do so 18 per cent rise to £93,000 in the second six months left profits for the full year to October 31 only 14 per cent down at £156,000. Turnover went up from £3.34m to £3.57m.

Earnings a share of this Bournemouth-based machine: at the continued lack of confit for 0.49p gross to 0.54p.

Mr J. D. Tyler, chairman, says that the results reflect a difficult year particularly in into the autumn, but in October

Stirling Knitting
The sales of Stirling Knitting slipped from £2.23m to £2.22m in the six months to September 30 but pre-tax profits slid from £155.00 as £16.000 Mr. £155,000 to £140,000. However, the interim payment is 0.53p

gross again.
In the year to March 31, 1976, pre-tax profits dropped from £243,000 to £155,000.

What price conversion rights?

The proposed cancellation of conversion rights on Argyle Securities's 11 and 94 per cent loan stocks raises a number of thorny questions about the valuation of convertibles.

Argyle, subject to an unconditional offer from Sir James Goldsmith's Générale Occidentale, proposes to cancel convertible, proposes to cancel convertible, consumint's Generale Occiden-tale, proposes to cancel conver-sion rights—running until 1986 on the 11 per cent stock and until 1984 on the 91 per cent— in exchange for an additional

in exchange for an additional one half per cent rate of interest on the stocks.

As GO's 50p 2 share cash bid for Argyle's ordinary shares has now been accepted by shareholders, cancellation of the conventible right might have been expected to go through without comment.

But a vocal minority of shareholders feel that the cancellation terms are unrealistically

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on the advice of its broker, Joseph Sebag It considers that the market price of

Backed by Sebag and its Mr Derek Beall, of stock-financial adviser Dawnay Day, Argyle concludes that: "the proposals adequately recognize the existence of the conversion and its advisers manage to prorights attached to the stocks in the present circumstances. Opposition to the terms focuses on the length of the conversion right. It would clearly be disadvantageous to convert. The convert of the con

But is it therefore correct to pitch cancellation terms on the basis of the current rather than the potential value of those rights? The current value is nil. But the rights have nine and six years to run respectively and much can happen in

One opponent of the terms, Mr T. G. Arthur, a Birminghambased financial consultant, calculates that the conversion rights would have a positive value before expiry if Argyle's shares managed an annual growth rate of just 4 per cent from the 50p bid by GO.

Even at the pre-bid price of 35p an annual growth rate of

Joseph Sebag. It considers that the market price of the loan stocks both before and after GO's bid included a "negligible value" for the conversion right and so the one half per cent offered—a "token gesture"—is perfectly fair.

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and its advisers manage to pro-duce "the lowest possible" terms that is "no reason why people should accept the lowest".

lowest."

Mr Beall accepts the actuarial case put by Mr Arthur and adds the possible nuisance value to GO of non-cancellation, although this must necessarily be a subjective value and one that Sebag did not take into its calculations as GO has no plans to liquidate Argyle.

The meeting last week to

The meeting last week to consider the proposals had to be adjourned as stockholders representing less than half the issue turned up to vote. Argyle is reconvening the meeting and this time only two stockholders are needed for a

quorum, whatever stock they hold. Stockholders' apathy may, therefore, enable the proposals to go through unchanged. Cancellation in this form, rare if not unprecedented in the convertible market, should

not, however, go unnoticed.

For recognizing long-dated convertible rights on current rather than projected values strikes at the basis of ell convertible values and cannot lightly be taken as a possible

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORT

Stock markets

Best day for a month on trade figures and money supply trend

looking for a deficit of about 5250m, so the figure of £179m was well received even though the cautious were saying that the average of the last two months is far less encouraging.

Nevertheless, the FT Index, 6.5 up at 3 pm, gained another form full points the safety. four full points thereafter, to close 10.5 to the good at 374.4, its best day for exactly a month. Dealers said that trading was never very great and the odd seller kept many prices below their best. But most were agreed that it was an encouraging start to the new account, though days without special factors, like trade figures, are

Government bonds enjoyed a good session, advancing strongly on the news of an improvement in Britain's trade figures. Long-dated stocks showed net gains of about a point at the close of business, while "mediums" displayed

Textile concern and clothing group, R. & J. Pullman reports today on its six months to last September. They went well. A good increase in sales should have meant on increase of around 17 per cent in profits to a new record. Export markets would have played a key role. The corduroy division has turned round from losses to profits. At 50p, the yield is still 13 per cent, but then the rights issue of one-jor two in 1975 was

rises of 1 point and undated stocks gained a 4 point. Even the announcement of the rise in some United States bank prime rates did not long dent the advance in the gilts

market. Jobbers reported good two-way business. Short-dated way business. Short-dated stocks advanced as strongly as other maturities, logging up gains of a full point, or even more in some stocks.

Star performer among the leading industrials was ICI, the most active share of the day and 10p to the good at 357p by the close. Not far behind were Beecham 388p and Fisons 305p and both 8p ahead, while Glaxo were 7p firmer at 410p and Unilever 4p to 424p.

Electricals were enlivened by Thorn "A", better by 12p to 220p and still benefiting from last week's figures. EMI up 6p the most active share of the day

last week's figures, EMI up 6p to 219p after the weakness which followed doubts over

Spurred at first by encouraging money supply figures and lower interest rates, share prices finished at the top as the December trade figures stimulated a laze mark-up.

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ment, Comet Radio which ended 5p higher at 58p.
Over in the engineers, Metal Box took pride of place with a jump of 18p to 266p. Also favoured were Brockhouse 3p to 48p. Richarden Wastarth 3p. 48p, Richardson Westgarth 3p to 40p, Hewden-Stuart 3p to 35p, Turner & Newall 6p to 136p and Tube Investments 12p to 328p. The last named's sub-sidiary, British Aluminium, was also in the news after a minority bid from Aluminium Corpora-tion which spurted 53p to 98p on the news. Newman Indus-tries gained 6p to 43p on Lonrho's holding.

Lonrho's holding.

In stores, there was limited interest in UDS 3p to 60p, Debenhams 2p to 70p, Combined English 12p to 52p, British Home Stores 5p to 143p and Boots 4p to 122p. But the spotlight fell on Gateway Securities "A" which added 11p to 554p after hid terms a much better pointer to the 11p to 554p after bid terms were disclosed, later learnt to be from Linfood, off 7p to 203p. In sympathy, Bishops Stores put on 3p to 68p.

Other bid stocks were Whitecroft, up 4p to 138p on the high dividend and profits fore-cast contained in the defence to Hanson Trust's terms, and Cattles Holdings which advanced 14p to 34p after terms from Provident Finan-

cial, up 2p to 64p.
Among those favoured by comment were Campari, better by 3p to 39p, Wm Baird 4p to 97p and AAH 10p to 172p, while, in the shipping sector, Common Brothers continued to be speculatively wanted at 190p, up 12p.
Shipping as a sector was also

in good form, notably P & O
7p to 128p and British & Commonwealth 5p to 225p.
Oils more than kept pace with the market and here BP rose 22p to 814p, Shell 8p to 478p, Ultramar 9p to 133p and, ahead of a statement on its

closed 5p to the good at 52p.

2855 and there were from Lloyds at 230p, 280p and National W. 240p. After news of rights issue, ANZ sli to 290p, but there v spots in Kayser Ulim

Walter Lawrence ha interested in nearly 1 of the shares in Econ ing products group. good record. Up we from £299,000 to £490. year to March, 1976 August the chairma was for another goo increase this year. As bid would allow Ecor dividend, sever covered last time. The already 11 per cent.

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By Adrienne Gleeson

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per si where in Business Nows dividends are shown on a gross establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. † Adjusted

Courts (Furnishers) still firmly on growth tack

By Tony May

Although the pre-tax profits currently favourable exchange of Courts (Furnishers) showed little growth at £1.95m in the be added in at the year end. six months to September 30, they are struck after transfer-ring £1.5m, against £328,000 to the deferred profit reserve. Turnover rose from £16.9m to £21m. The board of this Surrey-breed around for the control of £21m. The board of this Surrey-based group is paying an The group has opened four interim dividend of 2.17p gross, new stores in the United King-

fer to reserves was prompted by the growth in the credit business during 1976 after the lift-ing of controls in December

Another factor was the continued progress overseas. The accumulated deferred profit now stands at over £9.4m and will flow automatically into future profits.

He also points out that no

Forward Trust

at peak £10m

In spite of strongly rising interest rates in the second half, Forward Trust, the finance house subsidery of Middend Bank, achieved a 40 per cent profit growth to a record £10m.

exactly in line with a 39 per cent increase in instalment cent increase in instalment finance turnover to £170m which Mr John Cave, chairman, says reflects the company's increasing share of the market. The quality of business, as measured by the accounts in arrear, has been maintained at

satisfactory level". Guinness profits

down 40pc under CCA rules There were exceptional reasons why Arthur Guinness did so well in the year to September 25, like currency gains on earnings overseas and the summer boom in Harp

the summer boom in Harp Lager.
Lord Iveagh, chairman, pays ribute to them in his chairman's statement. But he adds:
"They may not be repeated in the coming year."

He points out that the past year's profits, though well up in manager terms.

money terms, were only equal to those achieved five years ago in real terms, and part of the money increase reflected exchange galos from the slide in sterling.
In the year to September 25

money pre-mx profits were £39.3m. But current cost accounting would have cut these by £15.9m or 40 per cent. Extra depreciation would have absorbed £8.9m, and an adjust-

be added in at the year end.
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against 1.98p. dom in the current year, and
Mr E. G. Cohen, chairman, it is, with over 100 stores in
explains that the higher transfurther progress".

Over the whole of last year

the furniture boom gave the group a particularly good year at home, and an even more marked improvement overseas. Pre-tax profits jumped from £3.48m to a record £5.37m on saues up from £28.4m to £40m. Exchange rate windfalls brought £569,000 against a loss of

raise £19m

ANZ Group Holdings, the holding company for Australia & New Zealand Banking Group, is making a one-for-five rights issue to raise about \$A32.5m (£19.1m) after expenses. The new shares will be issued at \$A2.75 apiece. Australian United Corporation has underwritten it.

The directors find difficulty to forecast monetary and interest trends, but they are confident that profits will be satisfactory in 1976-77.

A positive cash flow that borrowings should be trunities to fall, but the in any case looking for tunities to refinance on a long-term basis.

ANZ 'rights' to

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and New Zealand. A positive cash

Business appointments Changes on Grattan box

Mr J. Michael Pickard has joined the board of Grattan Warehouses and has been made a deputy chairman before becoming chairman in due course. This follows the recent appointment of Mr Michael Place as sole managing director and is in preparation for the retirement of Mr Robert Owthwaite, the chairman. Mr Rubert Cooper is to become Mr Rupert Cooper is to become managing director of Unigate Foods Division from April 6. . Mr W. J. Long has been appointed to the board of Lockwoods Foods.

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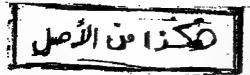
Mr D. V. Ayres is to become chairman of Yorkshire Imperial Metals and Yorkshire Imperial Plastics on the redirement of Dr W. H. G. Lake in March. He will continue as managing director of Yorkshire Imperial Metals. Mr G. J. Allen, managing director of IMI Range and chairman of IMI Santon, will from April 1 become managing director responsible for Witton site coordination and for the site employee relations departments. He will also join the boards of Enots, Norgren Shipslues: and cannot extra depreciation would have absorbed £8.9m, and an adjustion of future cancellar ment to sales £7m.

But current cost accounting would have also raised the will be succeeded by Mr P. C. Roberts, managing director of the components' division of Imperial Metal Industries (Kynoch)



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GREAT NORTHERN Gross revenue of Great Northern Investment Trust for year to Nov 30, £2.98m (£2.95m). Net rev-enue (after tax) £1.76m (£1.73m). Gross payment rises from 4.98p to

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The Bank of England is be-lieved to have continued to pur-chase dollars throughout yesterday afternoon's trading on the foreign exchanges. As a result, the sterling spot rate was steady despite the substantial improvement in the United Kingdom December trade figures, dealers said. trade figures, dealers said.

The figures showed a £179m visible deficit in December after a £509m deficit in November.

Sterling closed at \$1.7138, a net 28 points up on the day and only 0.10 cents higher than before the trade figures.

The dealers said the Bank's determined sterling selling is a means of injecting liquidity into the bard-pressed United Kingdom banking system as well as building up the reserves.

The dollar lost ground in the afternoon with profit-tiking, particularly from New York, bringing it back to pre-weekend levels against continental currencies.

The pound's effective rate improved to 43.0 per cent from 43.1

proved to 43.0 per cent from 43.1 on Friday evening.
Gold rose 75 cents an ounce, to \$132.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

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Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses on January 17 (all in metric tons except silver). Previous week's in brackets. Copper 613,425 (610,600); Tin 4,470 (5,050); Lead 66,800 (66,575); Zinc 82,950 (84,625); Silver (in troy ounces) 28,320,000 (28,500,000).

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Discount market The Rank of England relieved a huge shortage of fresh funds in the discount market yesterday by lending (for technical reasons only) an exceptionally large sum to seven or eight houses at the minimum lending rate of 14 per cent for repayment today. The Bank also hought a large amount of Treasury bills both from banks and from houses, and bought, in addition, a large amount of local authority bills from the houses.

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In the early stages, interbank rules of up to 15 per cest were having the effect of pricing the discount houses out of the market, and they could only stand back and wait. But benes were coming in with money to lend, and houses were able to obtain funds at 14 per cent. They went out doing so mail the Back of to the second of the second of

The mapor factor on the day was clearly the rapsyments to the Bank of England of three loss of MLR borrowings from last week (Monday, Thursday, and Friday). Into alone, it was said more than cancelled the £720m released in special deposit repayments. In addition, there was a small Treasury hill take-up, very small not outflow, and a very large net sax inflow in to the revenue.

Money Market

International Tin Agreement in trouble as buffer stock runs out

By a Special Correspondent The International Tin Agreement, arguably the most suc-cessful of all commodity price stabilization schemes, is again in trouble—if not in danger of

total collapse.
The International Tin Council, the body responsible for administering the agreement, was in serious difficulties even before last week, having already failed to persuade Bolivia to ratify the new agreement. Now it has learnt that the buffer stock, the sole means of keeping prices within the limits laid down in the agreement, is

exhausted Not that the news was in any way unexpected. Buffer stock supplies, which amounted to more than 20,000 tonnes at the more than 20,000 tonnes at the end of 1975, were understood to have fallen to around 1,500 tonnes in mid-December, since when the buffer stock manager has been forced to release additional quantities in an effort to arrest the upsurge in world prices.

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This is just what Bolivia, the world's second biggest tin producer after Malaysia, warned against when the current price range of Malaysian \$1,075 to Malaysian \$1,325 a picul was negotiated as recently as last

negotiated as recently as last prices.

Bolivia, a highcost producer, argued at the time that the range was totally unrealistic. The average cost of production, Fresumably as a signatory to said Bolivia, was at least the fifth international tin agreem\$1,200 a picul, so a range of ment, the United States would also have to win the approval of the Tin Council. That too. adopted.

As a producer, Bolivia may might prove difficult.

have been more concerned about the minimum price rather than the maximum, but with the Straits tin price climbing to a record level of M\$1,400 a picul without United States intervention prices are likely to remain above the in agreement climber. this week, its opposition was ceiling for some time. Claims clearly justified. However, that the recent price rise was that is no guarantee that the fuelled by speculators trying to consumers who defeated the undermine the agreement are Bolivian proposal then will be simply discounted.

Commodities

willing to climb down when the count council meets in March to tions. discuss the issue.

The United States, of course, the agreement.

It is the United States which now holds the key which could force world prices back within the tin agreement range. Heavy stocks of tin are held there by the general services administra-tion, and these strategic reserves have often been used in the past to fill any shortfall

The trouble is, though, since the Vietnam war, the United States has become increasingly aware of its vulnerable position arrest the upsurge in world prices.

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It may be that official policy will change with the arrival of the Carter administration, but even so it could take some considerable time before GSA stocks began to appear on the market—and even longer for them to make an impact on

also have to win the approval of the Tin Council. That, too,

The current deficit of tin, argues the trade, is in the region of 20,000 tonnes reflected in the fact that the cash price on the London Metal-Exchange is no longer at a dis-

But if the United States cannot utilize its huge stockpile inwas the most prominent mem-ber of the consumer lobby which outvoted Bolivia, forcing the Tin Council regain some it to threaten to withdraw from measure of control on the market?

The simple answer is that the ceiling will have to be raised. The council has found itself in a similar position before. The buffer was run down completely in both 1961 and 1967, while in 1974 supplies ran dangerously low. Also the council is not unaccustomed to making frequent changes to the agreement price, having done to twice during the first half of

However, agreement on a higher price may not be so easy to achieve. The December meeting of the council demonstrated the depth of consumer opposition. Having seen marker prices break through the upper limit yet again, many consumers may now decide that there is little future in a stabilization scheme which cannot contain world prices.

Wall Street

New York, Jan 17.—Stocks were slightly lower in the New York Stock Exchange today with declines leading advances by around

clines leading advances by around 50 issues.

Analysts said part of the weakness siemmed from worry about recent increases in short-term interest rates. First National Bank of Chicago raised its prime rate to 6½ per cent from 6 per cent.

Bell and Howell fell ? to 182.

Late on Friday it said it expected to report lower 1976 operating net.

Xerox eased 1 to 564 despite higher earnings, and there was a company prediction of further earnings and revenue growth in 1977.

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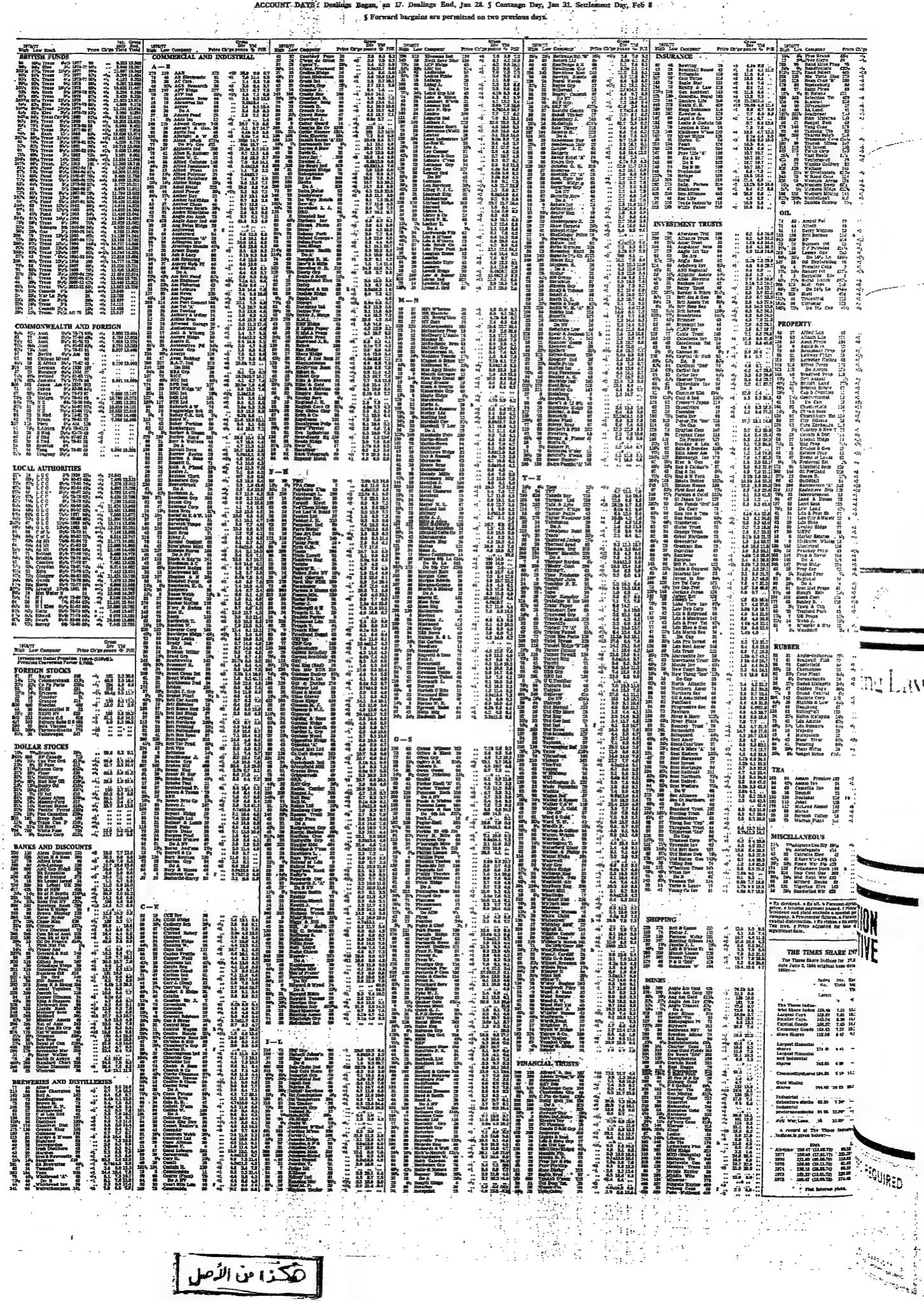
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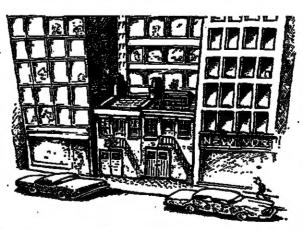
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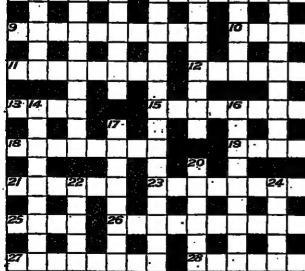
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